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JULIAN HERBERT

US warning over Moscow meeting

Thatcher told not to talk about Trident

By Peter Stothard in Washington and Robin Oakley

warned Mrs Margaret played what one US official future of Britain's nuclear deterrent when she meets President Gorbachov tomorrow.

In a surprise move concerning the most sen- cessions from the Americans sitive issue of Anglo-American relations, President Bush's national security adviser, General Brent soothe any fears Mr Gorbathe Prime Minister give up her plan to reassure Moscow about the "minimum" nature of the Trident programme.

Earlier this week, Downing Street sources let it be known that Mrs Thatcher would intervene personally with the Soviet leader on the Trident question. Her message would be that Britain's tiny proportion of the world's strategic arsenal should not be included

British fears had been raised by reports that the US programme of supplying Trident missiles to Britain was the "number one" obstacle to a strategic arms reduction (Start) treaty. According to some accounts, the Soviet side insisted that commitments be included in the deal that would make the Trident D-5 programme the last. Mr Bush warned Mrs Thather during their 20-minute telephone conversation on Sunday of Soviet concerns that the 1958 Polaris Agreement between Britain and the US might be used to circumvent a Start treaty by transferring more nuclear armaments to Britain. Throughout the summit,

Death of Joe Loss

Joe Loss, the band leader who brought dance music into British homes through radio and records, has died in hospital of kidney failure at the age of 80. He had retired

Lord Grade said last night: He was a master of control over his orchestra. It was beautiful rhythm, music the public could under-.... Obiteery, page 14

Geography test

Teachers will be given more freedom in under the National Curriculum after final recommendations from the geography working party which lays down examples of what children should know... Page 6 Leading article, page 13

Brazilian offer

The Brazilian Government is prepared to consider conversion of its foreign debt in return for greater efforts to

protect its rainforests .. Page 9 Rushdie block

President Rafsanjani of Iran restated his wish for a resumption of relations with Britain but said the Rushie death

sentence will stay Page 11 Dunsdale probe

The Fraud Squad has begun investigations into Dunsdale Securities, an investment firm suspended by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Regulatory Association Page 23

Food research

The food scares of the past few years have led to toxicology emerging as a key discipline of the next century. Science & Technology Pages 33-36

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THE White House has Soviet arms controllers had Thatcher not to raise the yesterday described as tricky games". Although they had asked tough new questions, including a number about the British deterrent, it was unclear how determined they were to secure formal conon the "non-circumvention"

Scowcroft, has urged that chov may have expressed that she was interested only in maintaining the minimum credible deterrent and would not assist in circumventing replaced would inevitably ington was told about Mrs Thatcher's Moscow plans and appeared to make no objection. On Wednesday, however, discretion would be the better part of diplomacy when the Prime Minister met Mr Gorbachov. "If Gorbachov gets into the issue, there's not much we can do," an American government official said.

> US-Soviet business." The surprise American warning caused concern while accepting US commitments to the continuing support of Britain's independent nuclear status, are ever nervous at new threats to its

It was Mr James Baker, the its Backfire bomber. Both Mr Marshal Dmitri Yazov. said they want to sign a Start deal by the end of the year and Mr Baker's role will be to make sure that nothing stands

in the way. "This is all Soviet bluster -Viktor Karpov at play," one expert said yesterday. But others believe Soviet concerns about the British deterrent will become more acute as superpower missiles and warheads are reduced.

The statement of agreement on Start, signed in Washington last Friday, was the first commitment by the superpowers to cut, rather than merely control, the numbers of their strategic weapons. If a Start deal is signed, the two leaders have said that they wish to go into a second round of negotiations. Start 2, could bring the level of strategic warheads on each side to below five thousand. British possession of some 700 warheads would then be a legiti-

The British deterrent is excluded from the "non-cir-

cumvention" restrictions as a result of America's insistence on protecting its "existing patterns of co-operation". The Americans made clear at a high level this week that there has been no change in US policy. Mrs Thatcher will be commitment by the US that the D-5 Trident missile will be the last transfer of nuclear weapons technology across the that Trident would not be undermine its political authority as a deterrent.

because the British Trident force will still be so much smaller than that of the US, its missiles may have to carry more warheads than those of the Americans. That, too, may raise political pressures. This year's defence white

paper said that Britain would consider how best it might contribute to the arms control process if the US and Soviet nuclear arsenals were reduced "very substantially", but it said reductions in those arsenals would have to go could even consider including the British deterrent in any future negotiations".

Mrs Thatcher will fly to Moscow tonight after addressing the Nato foreign ministers described the agreement to supply nuclear capability to the UK as the "number one" problem for Start, placing it above the testing of the Soviet Union's "heavy" SS-18 missiles and the classification of the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov and Defence Minister, Marshal Dmitri Vazov.

> Supreme Soviet sitting over the weekend, the Soviet leader had to prepare a speech on his economic reform programme to deliver on Monday.

The Prime Minister yesterday expressed her full support for Mr Gorbachov and those reforms in an interview with Tass in which she said his decision to move to a market economy was the right one. She declined to express an opinion on whether the plans should be revised in the wake of public protests and panic buying, but said: "Economic reform is always painful in its early stages." It was the only way to ensure "an effective, prosperous and stable economy for the future".

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English fans held after 'mini-riot' in Tunisia

From OUR CORRESPONDENT, TUNIS FOURTEEN English football taxis. They also dented the supporters in Tunisia for a bodywork of the taxis, causing friendly football match will around £6,000 damage.

appear in court today after a drunken rampage through the Hammamet holiday resort.

Trouble began when they were thrown out of a discothèque in the early hours of Tuesday morning and refused entry to another. In what was supporters were alleged to have smashed the windows of three tourist coaches and three

Other reports say that Tunisian youths angered the fans by taunting them over the match result — a 1-1 draw.

The supporters, in their mid twenties, were in court yesterday for a preliminary hearing and will today face a full hearing. If found guilty, they British Embassy said the could be jailed for up to five



windy winning Quest

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE withdrawal of so many fancied runners meant that this year's race had been unkindly dubbed the Donkey Derby. Ante-post betting was down by a third, and Epsom Downs showed much empty grass. But all the old regulars Marshal Dmitri Yazov.

She will not, as had been hoped, see Mr Gorbachov in were there: five Gipsy Rose ness reading palms and tealeaves among the screams of riders in the funfair, and the all-pervading scent of ham-

burgers and onions. If the event proved more colourful than usual it was, finally, because of the rain. Women who defied the weather forecast - wet and windy - and sported wide-brimmed millinery were obliged to teeter around with one hand planted firmly on their heads. When the rain began to fall, just in time for the first race, it produced a plethora of large and brilliantly-coloured umbrellas in the enclosures and

along the rails.

Before the big race the Queen, in canary yellow, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, in pale primrose, made their traditional walk down the course to the paddock. The Queen Mother made the going - officially described as good - look pretty easy for an 89-year-old, though she did accept a limou-

sine ride back. As the rain set in more earnestly over the Derby runners' parade the Queen Mother raised her own umbrella - a transparent cloche, creating her own greenhouse effect while retaining good visibility. The Queen went for unadorned, functional black.

When the race was run. Ouest for Fame proved a conclusive and popular winner. He was still slobbering effusively over his stable lad's jacket in the winner's enclosure when driving drizzle persuaded many racegoers to head for home.

European vets back Gummer by declaring British beef safe From Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent, in brussels

perfectly reasonable. Our case had acted simply to protect on possible retaliation if the

A COMMITTEE of European veterinary experts ruled yesterday that British beef was safe to eat, crucially reinforc-ing the position of Mr John Gummer, the Agriculture Minister, as he fought a stiff battle to get French, West German and Italian import bans lifted.

As Mr Gummer arrived here for a meeting with European Community counterparts, Italy disclosed it had ban on British beef but had hitherto omitted to tell anyone. "We do things quietly in Italy," an Italian government spokesman said. The Italians bought 2,100 tonnes of British beef last year,

worth £6.5 million.

Mr Gummer, hailing the verdict of the EC's scientific veterinary committee, said:
"We have always said we
would accept the scientific
evidence. What the scientists have asked us to do, we are already doing, and will con-tinue to do. We are legally

is very good."

After four hours of talks, a

spokesman for Mr Michael O'Kennedy, the Irish Agriculture Minister, who was chairing the meeting, said he was not optimistic that there would be an early settlement. M Henri Nallet, the French minister, said the committee

uncertainty about whether bovine spongiform encephalopa-thy (BSE) could be trans-and caule exports. mitted to humans and extra Community-wide measures were needed to prevent "the type of psychosis that has affected British consumers" from spreading to the rest of

Nallet wanted all beef exported from Britain to be accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating it came from animals which, by post-mortem brain examination, were shown to be free of BSE. The Italian and West German ministers insisted that they

said the import bans were pure trade protectionism. France last week banned the

160,000 live cattle it normally imports from Britain, ostensibly to protect its consumers against possible infection by BSE. The trade was worth had not removed scientific £183 million last year, France accounting for more than half of Britain's worldwide beef The French move prompted

West Germany, which since the start of the year had been operating much more limited restrictions on health grounds, to follow suit because of fears French sources said M to enter France would swamp the West German market. The bans are estimated to be costing Britain £500,000 a day in lost export earnings. The West German Farmers' Federation yesterday called for an immediate ban on the import of calves from Britain. Mr Gummer refused to be drawn

public health. Mr Gummer bans were not lifted. "I particularly dislike the word retaliation'. I want a return to legality. It is not in anybody's 70,000 tonnes of beef and this battle on the basis of the scientific evidence."

Frain

: end

for a ban on EC beef imports some 184,000 tonnes last year. Ireland, the largest supplier, has not banned UK beef.

If Mr Gummer were to ucts might be a more likely target. Britain could claim there is a listeria threat from French soft cheeses. The British egg-laying poultry flock is that British beef no longer able subject to much stronger antisalmonella measures than are enforced in other countries and British poultry farmers have been pressing for months for curbs on egg imports. Portugal has banned the import of British cattle because of fears over BSE.

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Labour undercuts Tories on CO₂

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND ROBIN OAKLEY THE political battle over the That was vehemently denied

environment intensified yesterday when Labour, in its most serious environmental stabilize Britain's emissions of carbon dioxide five years ahead of the Government's target date of 2005. Mrs Thatcher was said yes-

terday to regard such a target as impossible to achieve at an acceptable cost to employment and living standards. Mr
and tomorrow. Chris Patten, the Environment Secretary, warned that it would involve "major disruption to the economy".

In the background was a furious row over Labour had massaged the figures over CO₂ emissions, which are largely responsible for global World Cap, pages 43,44 Derby reports, pages 40,41,44 efforts look more favourable.

in government circles.

Mr Bryan Gould and Mr Frank Dobson, spokesmen for commitment so far, pledged to the environment and energy, committed Labour to the European Commission's proposals for stabilization by 2000. This will be resisted by Mr Patten at what is expected to be a stormy meeting of European environment min-

Last week Mr Jonathon Porritt, the retiring director of Friends of the Earth, said that Labour's lack of a CO2 target was "a worrying touchstone of their green seriousness." But charges that the Government yesterday Mr Gould and Mr Dobson said Labour was drawing up a strategy for the 2000 target, which would be published in its "Alternative Continued on page 22, col 7

isters in Luxembourg today

Canterbury dark horse frightens the bookies

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A case of insider praying,

By Alan Hamilton WILLIAM Hill, the bookmakers, suspended betting on another big race yesterday after a sudden and inexplicable rush of interest in a relative outsider. Suspicions were aroused when a string of punters wished, apparently out of the blue, to wager up to £1,000 on the Right Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, becoming the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

When Hills opened their ecclesiastical book in March, St Albans stirred little interest as a 10-1 outsider attracting the occasional modest investment of no more than £20. Yesterday morning, as their offices were more preoccupied with the Derby, Hills accepted several bets of £200. As lunchtime approached, and punters tried to place even greater wagers, including one of £1,000 at their branch nearest to Church House, West-

minster, alarm bells rang and the book was quickly closed. "We would like to know what these people know," a Hills spokesman said. "We do not, unfortunately, have a direct line to the Almighty." Until yesterday Hills' favourite had been the Right Rev John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford, at 11-4. Even in Anglican circles, St Albans has not hitherto been regarded as being up among the front runners. The Crown Appointments Commission, which after much deliberation will put up two names for the Prime Minister's consideration, has not even met. An informed leak therefore appeared unlikely.

Later in the day the mystery was partly clarified. The Church Of England Newspaper had published an opinion poll giving St Albans 42 per cent of the vote, and making him clear favourite in that particular camp. The newspaper is re-

wing of the Church, to whom St Albans has particular appeal. Hills said that they would reopen the book by the end of the week, provided

garded as an organ of the Evangelical

they were satisfied that no other skullduggery was afoot. St Albans will then probably lead the field as 2-1 favourite. Ladbrokes, on the other hand, were entirely unconcerned. Their book, which has Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, as favourite at 3-1, remained open to all investors. Their spokesman did admit, however, that St Albans had moved in from a 14-1 outsider to 4-1 fourth favourite in the past three weeks.

Bishop Taylor yesterday congratulated Hills on their prudence, and advised them to close their book permanently. "I do not regard myself as a horse," he said.

Zero alcohol limit for young drivers has built-in drawbacks

MORE than 20 deaths and serious injuries every day among young drivers has convinced Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, that they must be the target of special legislation.

Evidence compiled by Department of Transport researchers show that drivers in the 18-30 age group accounted for almost half of all road deaths and serious injuries in 1988 - 7,852 out of 17,576. The carnage is even worse in the key group of 20 to 24 year olds. Almost 3,650 were killed or seriously injured in the same year.

Worse still, roadside tests carried out by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory show that drivers between the ages of 20 and 30 are the most likely to be over the legal alcohol limit behind the wheel. Almost 67 per cent of drivers

up to twice the limit came from that age group. Despite the mounting evidence, Britain has lagged behind much of Europe and the rest of the world in pinpointing the young or inexperienced driver as a high risk road user. France, West Germany, Portugal, Finland, Japan, Australia and Northern Ireland have schemes aimed at reining in the young motorist who passes his or her test and takes straight to the roads.

What Mr Parkinson will have to decide after consultations with motoring organizations, police and pressure groups is how far he can go in selecting one group for especially tough treatment. The most radical proposal—to enfore a zero alcohol limit on newly qualified drivers for the first two years of motoring — seems unworkable at the outset. It was greeted with derision by Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, who said the

crackdown could mean that "even a wine gum or taking a sniff at the barmaid's apron" could convict people.

Police officers say that a zero limit could cause more problems than benefits. They maintain their belief that random testing is still the best determent against drinking and driving for any age group. Mr Walter Girven, chief constable of Wiltshire and secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee, said yesterday: "It has been shown that alcohol can stay in the blood for some time. We foresee difficulties where a new driver had a drink one day and still has traces of alcohol the next when

Another drawback is that identification of newly qualified drivers may prove difficult as driving test pass dates are not printed on licences at the moment. However, police may still be identified with a designation plate on their cars and face restrictions on driving.

New drivers in Northern Ireland are forced to carry an "R" plate (denoting restricted) for one year after passing their driving test and are restricted to a 45mph maximum speed. It was enough to reduce accidents.

A French scheme seems to have been more successful. There new drivers are limited to a top speed of 90 kmph (56 mph) for a year, and display white 90 speed restriction plate on their cars. Authorities say it has helped to reduce accidents by about 15 per cent.

New drivers in West Germany do not suffer speed restrictions, but they do face a strict system of punishment by instruction. All drivers who rack up points for driving offences are eventually sent back for driving lessons, for which they pay

receptive to a scheme to force such drivers to be in addition to any fines. The points tally is reached quicker by a driver in the first two years after qualification and the teaching more expensive. In some cases, they must resit their driving test Accidents have gone down between ten and 15 per cent, but police say traffic violations have

been cut by half as a result. Mr Parkinson is known to favour the "P" plate (to denote probationer for new drivers) scheme and probably a similar idea for convicted drunk drivers who would have an "R" plate on

returning to the road. Mr Parkinson said yesterday: "There is a rowing realization that if you break the law and drink is involved you are in trouble. So the fact that there is a law will make people very chary of breaking it."

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Airline chief attacks government controls

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

principal gateway for long-haul traffic or be displaced by

"The position of London as

a great financial centre and of

routes are legacies which can-

not be reinvented but can

surely dissipate by wrong-

"If this country wants to

headedness or by negligence.

continue to have a major international airline, British

Airways must be allowed to

grow and face on reasonably

equal terms the emerging air

He pleaded for urgent ac-

armadas of the 21st century."

tion to improve transport facilities to Heathrow through

a new rail line linking the

early construction of a new

terminal and for a new heli-

copter service at Heathrow.

or property companies."

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getaway vehicle used by IRA

terrorists who shot dead an

Army recruit and wounded

two others in Lichfield,

Staffordshire, six days ago, has

been found 40 miles away in Shrewsbury (Craig Seton writes). Homes were evac-

uated yesterday while a bomb

disposal team carried out

controlled explosions to check

The red Ford Cortina, with

a black vinyl roof, similar to

one seen speeding away from

the scene of the shooting, was

found parked in Crewe Street,

vestigating the shooting.

The two wounded soldiers.

Private Neil Evans, aged 19, and Private Robert Parkin,

if it contained explosives.

itors fly.

Retired policeman

killed by car bomb

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER police reservist as "callous, careless and

was killed yesterday and his sickening".

wife critically injured, when a A car believed to be the

Paris, Frankfurt

Amsterdam.

BRITISH Airways' contin- London will remain Europe's uing frustration at the Government's refusal to allow it unlimited room for expansion erupted last night in a hard-hitting speech from Lord King of Wartnaby, its chairman.

Lord King, who is furious at British Airways at the hub of a the decision to ask the Monnetwork of international opolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the airline's attempt to take a 20 per cent stake in Sabena

World Airways, launched into a bitter attack, claiming that he was struggling "against not only the efforts of our competitors but the shackles imposed by our own government.

"I have no intention of dying a death by a thousand cuts," he said at the City cuts," he said at the City banquet in the Mansion House. "The Secretary of State will finally either permit airport both with Paddington or block our participation in and Liverpool Street, for an the Brussels hub. The future will not be determined by the UK Government, but our government may well decide whether we are to be part of

Speaking on the spot where Churchill made one of his memorable wartime speeches, Lord King said: "On June 4 50 years ago we were called to prepare ourselves to fight on the beaches and on the landing grounds. The tide of commercial conflict has rolled over the beaches and the battle for the landing grounds has already

"The gateways of today are the airfields deep in the territories which they serve. A sengers - not as supermarkets the landing grounds of Europe

bomb attached to the under-

side of their car exploded as

they drove through north Belfast.

Mr James Sefton, aged 65,

who retired three years ago, is thought to have died instantly

in the blast. His wife, Ellen,

also 65, was "seriously ill" last night. The IRA yesterday evening claimed respon-sibility for the attack which,

police believe, involved a Semtex bomb.

The explosion happened at

about 10am as the couple

drove towards the city centre down Ballygomartin Road.

They had travelled only a

couple of hundred yards and

were passing a primary school

when the device was

Politicians from both com-

munities were quick to con-demn the killing — the 26th in

Northern Ireland this year. Mr

Alban Maginness, the local aged 20 SDLP councillor, described it hospital.

Abortion conscience register attacked

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A PROPOSAL to compel all doctors and nurses who refuse to take part in abortions on grounds of conscience to register their objection in a publicly available list has been bitterly denounced by MPs opposed to easier abortion.

Miss Ann Widdecombe, Conservative MP for Maid-stone, a leading figure in the unsuccessful backbench attempt in April to lower the upper time limit for abortion to at most 22 weeks, said it was "grossly offensive".

She said that the proposal, set out in an amendment to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, would be strongly resisted when it returns to the Commons for its final stages later this month.

Anti-abortion MPs have also tabled amendments, which are aimed at giving MPs a second chance of deciding whether they want "abortion up to birth". Their move follows the complicated series of late night votes at second reading, which back-fired on the anti-abortion lobby by liberalizing the exist-

"We need the support of our The Commons decoupled government in our fight for abortion law from the effective 28-week limit imposed overseas airlines fight for acby the Infant Life Preservacess to ours. We need to tion Act and abolished all operate in clear skies in which limits in cases of handicapped traffic is efficiently controlled. foetuses and where the mother's health was at grave risk. Miss Widdecombe argued that the register, which would be We need to operate from bases as adept and user-friendly as those from which our competopen to scrutiny by health authorities as well as the public in libraries, would jeop-In a final sideswipe at the airport owners, BAA, he said: "If London is to preserve its ardize the career prospects of doctors opposed to abortion. position, our airports must be

organized to meet the needs of But its supporters insisted the airlines and their pasthat it was needed to help women seeking an abortion to avoid unsympathetic doctors and so reduce delays.

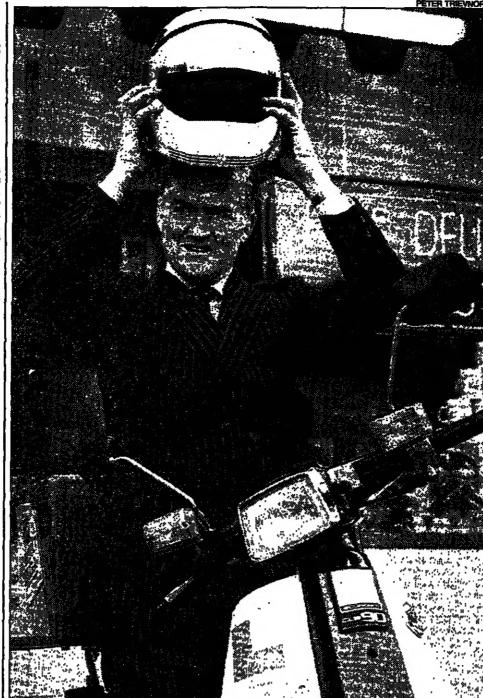
Miss Jo Richardson, Labour's frontbench spokesman on women, who is sponsoring the amendment, said that far too many late abortions were caused by NHS delays.

 Concern that women are being unduly pressurised into donating eggs at infertility clinics was expressed by the chairman of the Interim Licensing Authority for Hu-man In Vitro Fertilisation and Embryology yesterday. Dame Mary Donaldson was announcing new guidelines to protect donors

The guidelines stress that donors should never be paid cash for their eggs. Donors will also be allowed to withdraw at any stage without incurring any cost.

Explaining guidelines, Dame Mary said: We are very concerned about inducements offered to women to offer eggs. Centres are increasingly advertising for egg donors. There is a general concern about inducements."

Shrewsbury, on Tuesday and had been kept under surveil-She also voiced concern at lance. If the car proves to be the getaway vehicle, it will be the poor success rate of some clinics. Latest annual figures for test tube births, published in the authority's fifth and an important breakthrough by Staffordshire detectives inpenultimate report, show a drop in successful live births from 10.1 per cent of infertility treatments to 9.1 per cent; aged 20, are recovering in even though the pregnancy rate went up .



Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Transport Secretary, trying on a motorcycle rider's helmet at Potters Bar yesterday at the opening of a safety scheme for pizza delivery riders

Split on strip mill closure

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

A DISPUTE on whether to launch a parliamentary inquiry into British Steel's closure of the Ravenscraig strip mill has split the Commons trade and industry committee. After a heated private ses-

sion yesterday, the Tory-dominated committee agreed to ask for written evidence from the trade unions representing the 770 workers who lost their jobs at the Motherwell plant.

The committee already has evidence from British Steel and will consider calling Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Sec-retary of State for Scotland, after receiving all the written evidence. However Mr Men-zies Campbell, Liberal Democrat MP for North East Fife, failed to persuade the committee to mount a full-scale investigation immediately.

Mr Rifkind admitted in the Commons yesterday that he is still trying to get information from British Steel about its plans for the strip mill. The Scottish Secretary has strongly condemned the closure.

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Firms will quit UK unless tunnel links get funds, CBI says

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT BUSINESS will migrate to scheme. Tens of thousands of

northern France unless Britain invests more in new road and rail links to serve the Channel tunnel, Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday.

Without additional transport infrastructure, London would become a "cork in a bottle", effectively starving northern England, the Southwest and south Wales of the investment in manufacturing and commerce that they need to compete in the European single market, he said.

Mr Banham said that France was planning substantial investment in high-speed rail links and a doubling of its motorway network during the next decade, while Britain appeared content with more modest investments.

The future of Britain's proposed high-speed rail link, which would go some way to alleviate the concerns of Mr Banham and other business

Kent commuters also await the decision on the proposed 68-mile link between Folkestone and London.

Its advocates say that a decision to proceed with the project would rectify many of the errors of the 19th century, when the existing railway infrastructure in Kent was built, revolutionize the journey to and from London, and stimulate economic growth in poorer regions of Kent.

Along with journey times on the inter-capital services between London and Paris through the Channel tunnel, journey times on domestic commuter services would be cut dramatically.

The European Rail Link consortium, comprising British Rail, Trafalgar House and BICC, estimates that the new line could be built for £2.6 billion. It would require, how-ever, a £400 million Government subsidy. In exchange, Network SouthFast would get leaders, remains in the bal- a 50 per cent stake in the line's ance while the Government capacity for commuter

If it were, producers would be

crawling over each other to get

it because it's exactly what we

need for the musicals that are

so popular now. We cannot afford to lose this theatre - if

we do, it will be the first West

End theare to be demolished

in more than 20 years and the first 2,000-seater for 30 years."

Dave Clark, the 1960s pop singer, yesterday began a £13.5 million damages claim in the High Court against the "in-

efficient" Dominion Theatre,

which staged his musical, Time. The claim for lost seat

sales is against Rank Theatres, which which he blames for the

show closing early after a two-

puter technology. Babbage's Difference Engine No2, which was designed to calculate to 30 decimal places, is to be built at a cost of £215,000, with the backing of

Conventional wisdom is that the limitations of 19th century technology meant the parts could have never been tooled with enough precision to function. But curators at the Science Museum in London have built a section of the Difference Engine No2 to prove it was possible. Now they hope to complete the machine in time for the bicentenary of the scientist's birth next year. In doing so, they will also determine whether the Analytical Engine could have worked, and so advanced the invention of the

Clarke defends eye test figures after poll doubts

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government cast doubt examinations in 1988-1989 last night on the credibility of data produced by the optom-

showing a drop of more than mean thousands of cases of three million in eye tests since charges were introduced, Mr remain undetected with a Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary potential threat to their sight. of State for Health, said a recent poll suggested there had been no real reduction in demand for sight tests.

Mr Clarke produced figures from an NOP poll, commis-sioned by the Department of Health, which indicated that five million adults and children had sight tests in the first quarter of the year. An assessment of the poll by the department, however, admits that there is a disparity between the NOP's results and the known number of NHS sight tests paid for in the first three months of the year.

The assessment said: "The disparity between the NOP's results for NHS sight testing and the known number of NHS sight tests paid for casts some doubt on the credibility of the results."

It suggests that the disparity might have been caused by "over reporting". Defending the Government's policy, Mr Clarke said even if the NOP survey, suggesting that five million people had eye tests in the first quarter of 1990, was 50 per cent higher than the true figure it would still be in line with projected increases based on the 10 years to 1987.

He said: "The past 15 months seem to have been entirely consistent with what any reasonable person might have expected. There was a have expected. There was a rush before the changes were introduced when 4.5 million people — an abnormally high number — had their sight tested in the first three months of 1989. There was then an inevitable dip, after which the number of sight tests recovered to their former normal ered to their former normal

Figures produced from surveys conducted by optom-etrists contradicted Mr Clarke's assertion. While the Department of Health re-corded 13.2 million eye

Visionary's dream to come true

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A CALCULATING machine designed by Charles Babbage more than 150 years ago is to be completed by the Science Museum in a project that could prove Britain threw away a 100-year lead in computer technology

electronics and computer companies, including ICL. The Science Museum team believes that if the Difference Engine works, it will prove that Babbage's steam-powered Analytical Engine, a precursor of the modern computer, would also have worked.

Babbage spent £32,000 of his own and sponsors' money on the Difference Engine, but abandoned the design when the government would not back the project. He later began working on the Analyti-cal Engine with its punch cards, primitive memory store and other crude features of a modern microcomputer.

computer by a century.

an opinion poll it commissioned into the number of were undertaken in the followpeople having eye tests amid arguments about the effects of charging for eye examinations.

As Labour revealed figures a warning that this would

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spre slowly

serious eye conditions would It was not just people's sight that was at risk by the ending of free eye tests but other illnesses which were detected during tests, he added, "I am

deeply concerned that peo-ple's lives are being put at risk by the Government's apparent determination to privatize health services." The figures from the optom etrists showed, he said, that the average number of sight

tests fell by 32.4 per cent between the years 1988-1989 and 1989-1990 when charges were introduced. The optometrist survey was

conducted among less than 10 per cent of the 6,500 practices in England and Wales, About 40 per cent of people can still get free eye tests but private firms charge others about £12. The NOP survey was under-

taken between March 21 and April 23 this year among a sample of 9,518 people and achieved an overall response rate of about 50 per cent.

£5,000 bail for crash driver

THE driver in the holiday coach disaster was last night set to be freed on £5,000 bail after being told from his hospital bed he has been charged with manslaughter of 11 British tourists.

John Johnston, aged 42, of Chell Health, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was questioned for 90 minutes in hospital by the examining magistrate in charge of the case. He is accused of man-

slaughter, involuntary wounding, and speeding, after the coach veered out of control off a motorway and crashed, killa motorway and crashed, kniing 11 and injuring 60. He was
told he would be free to leave
France if he paid the
surety.News of the charges
was broken to him in hospital
by Mir James Daly, British
Consul-General in Paris.

Passport find

FIVE men and a woman were being questioned yesterday by Sussex police in connection with forged British passports. They were among 11 people arrested in a series of raids on Tuesday in Brighton and Newhaven. Five were later released on police bail.

Reward doubled

The reward for information about the killers of Mr Raojibhai Patel, the sub-postmaster shot dead in Hackney, north-east London, has been doubled to £20,000 by the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters. It warned members not to risk their lives to protect post office money.

Report 'misled'

A headline and report in *The Independent* about radio-active soil dumping was misleading because it implied that the waste site was not legally authorized to take it, the Press Council says today, upholding a complaint by a waste firm, the Shanks and McEwan group, of Aylesbury, Bucks.

Polish service

THE BBC is to begin broadcasting on Polish radio via satellite in the first formal arrangement with the eastern bloc, Mr John Tusa, managing director the BBC World Service, said yesterday. Satellite transmission will begin next month with the launch of the new Eutelsat satellite.

Abbey service Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey

Howe, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern were among those who attended a memorial service for Lord Bruce-Gardyne, the former Treasury minister and journalist, at St Margaret's, Westminster.

yesterday. Memorial service, page 14

Pavement performance in effort to save the Dominion By Simon Tait, arts correspondent



Tom Conti, the actor, campaigning yesterday to save the Dominion Theatre, London, with Natalie Wright, aged 16, who plays the lead role in *Bernadatte*

ACTORS and conservation- June 12, has been postponed are at least two offers on the ists were joined yesterday in a for four months because a table from producers to buy demonstration outside the Dominion Theatre, in Totten-

ham Court Road, central London, by the cast of the new musical Bernadette as the campaign to save the theatre from demolition and replacement by a hotel was stepped

"People come to London for the Queen, the old times and for the theatre," said the actor Tom Conti. "To destroy this for a hotel complex which they won't be able to fill would be committing an act of supreme folly". The 2,000-seat theatre, at

which Bernadette is to open in two weeks' time, is to be the subject of a planning inquiry into the proposal to replace the Grade Two listed building with a 354-bedroom hotel shops and offices. Planning consent was refused by Camden council. The inquiry, which was to have opened on

the theatre, but it isn't for sale.

partner in the development consortium, Rush & Tom-kins, the builder, has gone into receivership. The delay is to allow Sayetlex, leaseholder of the site, to make new partnership arrangements. The theatre, built in 1929 to

show both drama and films, is one of only six left in the West End that can accommodate audiences of more than 2,000. A campaign to save it was launched last month by the Theatres Trust, the Save London's Theatres Campaign, the Society of West End Theatre, the Theatres Advisory Council, Equity, the Musicians' Union and English Heritage.

"The land on which the theatre stands is worth infinitely more than the theatre itself," said Mr John Earl, director of the Theatres Trust, who said it ran into "megamillions".

In the action, before Mr Justice Millett, Mr Clark's production company claims that Rank failed to run an efficient box office to gain from He said: "I know that there "phenomenal" publicity.

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National detective

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squads and specialist London

There have been divisions

the intelligence unit.

not only in Britain but for

links to the rest of Europe and

the world, using the Interpol

Constable of Hampshire, said the changes in law and polic-

ing methods meant it was no

longer possible for police to

concentrate and crack down on gangs as they had in the 1960s. Organized crime was

approached as if it were street

crime when a control strategy

was needed, sometimes sabo taging plans rather than prosecuting. He cited a planned fraud using a derelict

Welsh coalmine to fleece

investors. Police scared off potential stockholders and

But Mr John Wood, direc-tor of the Serious Fraud

Office, argued against a direct

move to national units, cer-

tainly for fraud. He suggested

that regional fraud squads

should be set up with teams of

accountants and lawyers. He

was speaking during a present-

ation on fraud in which Det

Chief Supt Perry Nove, head

of the City of London Fraud

Squad, called on companies

and police to give fraud prevention a higher profile. Too often companies had no

plans to cope with the discov-ery of fraud which meant that

evidence might be destroyed

or tampered with before in-

fraud and drugs in the 1990s had taken the place of the armed robbers of the 1960s.

Major criminals were operat-

ing new frauds, especially in

attacks on the banking system,

subverting staff and getting inside information to evade

controls. Electronic money

fraudsters because of the

speed at which they operated.

Criminals did not try to break

them by corruption. The

amount of money at risk

uncovered by investigators

had risen from £262 million in

1981 to £4 billion in 1987. The

number of fraud cases rose by

23 per cent over that period.

systems, but reached

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He said the organizers of

vestigators arrived.

thwarted the criminals.

communications network. Mr John Hoddinott, Chief

within the police over such a

force and it appears that using

the regional crime squads may

be a compromise to overcome

the problem, although Mr

Smith said conclusions on the

investigation unit had yet to be reached.

He said the police had to

grasp the problem of or-ganized crime. Britain did not

suffer from groups like the Mafia in Italy and the United

it might more simply be said

cocaine use took over from

and amphetamines would

overshadow heroin over the

Mr McFarlane's picture

contrasted sharply with the American experience describ-

of the FBI office in Florida. He

said 25 million Americans had

three million were thought to

become cocaine abusers each

As many as 100,000 beby

addicts were born each year

because of their mother's use

of narcotics. Mr Gavin said

drug sales in the United States

were estimated to be worth

more than the income of the

He said Europe offered a

fertile centre for laundering

investigating a billion-dollar

laundering network found

that \$40 million (£23.8 mil-

lion) had been laundered

The use of the European

banking system by other

launderers could increase with

growing economic freedom

after 1992. Mr Gavin said the

removal of border and ex-

change controls coupled with

the liberalization of banking

High cost of shady solicitors

through London banks.

country's farmers.

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BRITAIN could have a afterwards and eventually computerized national crim- total two thousand officers,

inal intelligence unit by au-including the regional crime

Commissioner of the Metro- States and there was no sys-

politan Police in charge of tematic corruption of police, specialist CID, expected the judiciary or lawyers. "Rather,

start in the summer or autumn that there are no Mr Bigs but

of next year. The investigation there are a number of Mr Big-

Cocaine problems

spreading more slowly than in US

EVIDENCE is growing that profile of the addict as a white

Britain may escape the worst male was likely to change. of the problems of cocaine There would be more women

abuse, a senior Home Office and afro-Caribbean addicts as

a refinement of cocaine, are said the market in cocaine

at drug treatment clinics, Mr next five years and heroin use

He said that experience over ed by Mr William Gavin, head

had spread in Britain at the tried cocaine, six million used

speed at which they had in the it at least once a month and

good reasons for thinking our be addicts. Five thousand

combating drug problems, were estimated to be worth Crack addicts had appeared at \$110 billion a year, which is

the drug, but the num- drug profits. A recent Ameri-

bers were understood to be can operation called Polarcan

conference was told, and Mr regulations would help drug McFarlane said the stereotype traffickers to move money.

THE Labour MP Mr Tam of frogs, which have been Dalyell, staunch defender of around since the time of the

the downtrodden, has taken dinosaurs. A panel has been

the species could soon be cent fewer ponds than 30 years

frogs, which play a vital part in About eight million frogs are

keeping waters healthy, can be now estimated to breed at

safeguarded for future about 66,500 sites in rural

Britain.

Alan McFarlane, the Home would stabilize.

Although seizures of crack, heroin abuse. Mr McFarlane

detectives.

turan next year covering offences from football hooli-

ganism to drug trafficking and

organized crime, police chiefs were told yesterday.

A nationwide detective

group could be in place soon

afterwards, and plans were

being drawn up to restructure

nine regional crime squads so

their 1,200 officers can form the basis of the investigation

group, the Association of Chief Police Officers' con-

ference in Torquay was told.

Mr John Smith, Assistant

national intelligence unit to

rising steeply and the first trickle of addicts has appeared

Office Chief Inspector of

Drugs, delivered an optimistic

the past three years suggested

that neither cocaine nor crack

United States. "There are very

problems, developing as they

are, will not be as severe as in

Britain had not been

swamped with cocaine and the

country had the best defences

of any western country in

three London drug treatment clinics and some had shown

signs of violent psychosis which has been linked to

Mr McFarlane said crack

had become a standard

commodity in dealing net-

have made 97 seizures of

crack so far this year, com-

pared with 138 last year. The

total weight of seizures is also

fifth of all cocaine seizures, the

works in English cities. Police

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compensation totalling £14.6 million, compared with 577 totalling £6.7 million in 1988. The high total last year was chiefly because of "six extraor-dinary defaulters" who gave

up the cause of the once-

Mr Dalyell, who has about

20 frogs spawning regularly in

a pond at his National Trust

home near Linlithgow, Lo-

thian, has voiced concern that

He called for ponds, like

trees, to become subject to

preservation orders so that

"I am a natural frog liker.

Frogs are an important part of

the ecology. I have had frogs

in the pond in my garden since I was a child and I think my

grandchildren are entitled to

Mr John Gummer, Minister

of Agriculture, Fisheries and

Food, told Mr Dalyell in a

letter that he shared his con-

cern about the drop in frog

Scientists all over the world

are alarmed by the decline and

frogs also."

extinct in much of Britain.

ubiquitous common frog.

on the Solicitors' Compensa-

tion Fund, and for increasing

sums. Last year, the fund received 813 claims for

DISHONEST solicitors who One is believed to be the late abscond with clients' money will cost the profession nearly Mr Hugh Simmonds, the £27 million in compensation Buckinghamshire solicitor found dead in his car in November 1988. Claims from between now and the end of his clients total £3.8 million.

The fund is expected to face A report before the society's council today shows that there claims estimated at some £4.5 million this year and £5 has been a big rise in claims million next year. The report from the society's adjudication committee estimates total liabilities up to the end of next year, including outstanding claims, will be £26.8 million gross. The fund already has some £12 million assets in

> Miss Mavis Fairburst, a spokesman for the Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau, said yes- tion matters.

convened in America to study

Leicester Polytechnic, in a

report funded by the Nature

Conservancy Council, discov-

ered that there were 20 per

ago in Britain. Less than half

the ponds checked contained

frogs, an estimated frog loss of

two million in three decades.

That loss does not take into

account the growth of the urban frog, which has been made welcome in garden ponds. Dr Swan, who is now

researching ways of improving

habitats around ponds, said:

"Until we know more about

garden sites, the actual state of

the frog in terms of numbers

Of 50 key frog-breeding sites identified in 1983, sev-

and had "deteriorated rather are alarmed by the declined badly", she said. Researchers species, have declined so

were revisited last year

will be unknown."

Dr Mary Swan, a scientist at

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT plaints' Bureau said yesterday. terday that it was not a question of "more and more dishonest solicitors. We are talking about a very small proportion who got away with very large sums of money."

> The rise in claims will mean an increase in the levy on solicitors, possibly even a special levy as imposed in 1988. The amount of the levy will be debated by the council today. Some 85 per cent of claims arose from conveyancing transactions, which included failure to pay stamp duty and/or Land Registry fees when the defaulting solicitor had been paid for these by the client. Most of the rest arose from probate and litiga-

ecologically important"

Common frogs act as an

important barometer for the

state of the countryside

because they are considered to

be Britain's most adaptable

amphibian: Rana temporaria

can spawn successfully in

puddles, tractor ruts, lakes and

mobile, can travel large dis-

tances and eats a wide variety

Dr Swan said: "If frogs,

which are such an adaptable

the next two years.

MP speaks up for threatened frogs much it is a sign that some-thing is seriously wrong. It is inconceivable that frogs will ever become extinct nationally, but it is easy to cause a local extinction. The frog can act as an indication of the degree of degradation of the countryside." While drainage of wetlands,

ponds and meadows and intensive farming have been blamed for the loss of sites in lowland rural areas, research by Mr Clive Cummins, of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Monks Wood, has indicated that acid rain could be responsible for the decline plan to revisit them all over of the frog in some upland

The species could already be on a "knife edge" in certain locations where small increases in acidity could negate breeding efforts, he said.

The Ministry of Agriculture said that while the frog population had declined bediscarded bath tubs. It is tween the Second World War and the mid-Seventies, the fashion for installing parden ponds had led to recent improvements and the population had now "more or



Lucy Metherell, aged four, comes face to face with a swaying, "breathing" replica of a Maiasanra, u our that roamed what is now Montana 80 million years ago. Ten prehistoric beasts have been given life thanks to the latest computer and compressor technology in an

exhibition at the Natural History Museum. The stars of "Return of the Living Dinosants" move their heads and necks and roll their eyes as their "lungs" pump air, accompa-nied by a soundtrack of primeval grunts and shrieks. All they do not do is walk about. The models, which

also include a four and-a-half metre tall Tyrannosaurus rex and a Apatosaurus are the work of the Japanese Kekoro Company Ltd. The dinosaurs' skeletons have been made from aluminium and in some of the big exhibits up to 30 computer-controlled pneumatic air

nesting Maiasaura, eggs rock in anticipation of hatching and others have tiny twitching heads peering through newly broken shells. The exhibition is open from today to November 8.

Search for

£250,000

BRITAIN'S most desirable lordship of the manor, of Stratford-upon-Avon, will be sold on July 19 to anyone with

Scotsman who undertook the bidding for the present owner, his client was motivated by its historical associations. The speed, however, with which it has reappeared on the market suggests the prospect of profit may have also been a factor.

Mr Roy Davids, a Sotheby's expert, said: "It is probably the most famous lordship in existence. If car number plates can make £250,000, the Lordship for Stratford, with its remarkable history and associations should be able to make

entered the market in April 1988, when Lord Sackville, a relation of the Bloomsbury

lord of manor with

title, established in February Barony of Ruchlaw, is £90,000.

Dating from eighth century, the lordship has been held by a succession of Bishops of Worcester, by John Dudley, Earl of Warwick and Duke of Northumberland (the Lord Protector who was executed in 1553); by Queen Elizabeth I's favourite Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester (it was her personal gift to him) and from the seventeenth century onwards, by the Sackville family, Earls of Dorset. The Stratford title

ship of the manor may be used on visiting cards and legal documents. These things sell on the fact that people like to be called lord of the manor." According to Mr Davids, a buyer may also unearth longforgotten rights, such as that to hold fairs and markets, not

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

swallow the fact that the present owner - an anony mous Englishman from the area - bought it only two years ago for £87,000, albeit a record at the time.

The record for a manorial

Vita Sackville-West, sold it at Mr Davids said: "The lord-

government scientist could have wrecked the validity of ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT prosecution forensic evidence

a penchant for grandeur and at least £250,000 to spare. The buyer must be able to

According to the mysterious

to mention fishing and quarrying in the district.

Evidence contradicted by report

Maguire Seven inquiry

THE last-minute discovery of been obtained from Mr How-a document prepared by a ard Yallop, an explosives point that defence counsel had a document prepared by a ard Yallop, an explosives expert, immediately before the trial judge began his

and led to the acquittal of the Maguire Seven in 1976, it emerged yesterday at the judicial inquiry into the case and the associated wrongful conviction of the Guildford Four, who were freed last year.

The inquiry, under the for-mer Court of Appeal judge Sir John May, was told that the document impugned a vital scientific test that had identified nitroglycerine in swabs taken from the Maguire defen-dants and on which the Seven were convicted of running an IRA bomb factory.

Mrs Annie Magnire, now aged 54, her husband, Patrick, 57, their sons, Patrick, 29, and Vincent, 31, and three others were sentenced to between five and 14 years' custody in

risters in the trial said yes- made to the document, how- household substances.
terday that the document had ever, in his summing up Mr Mullen told the in

summing up at the Central Criminal Court.

Moves were made by coun-sel to recall Mr Yaliop, who had previously given evidence for the defence, but it had been decided to settle instead for a statement, agreed with the prosecution, to be read to the

It had also been agreed that the judge Sir John Donaldson should make clear to the jury in his summing up that the significance of the document was that it showed the scientific test was not specific for nitroglycerine, as the prosec-ution had asserted throughout the trial. Amid confusion, Sir John had told all the lawyers, by RARDE witnesses in the in the absence of the jury, that trial, but also disclosed he had almost reached the another substance, PETN. point at which he might have The defence had sought to

The reference he eventually

to dismiss the case.

expected about the significance of the document.

The document's arrival at the court on March 1, 1976. and its impact on the case were described by two barristers, Mr Antonio Bueno, now

a QC, and Mr Patrick Mullen. The document's author was Mr Walter Elliott, a scientist at the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment (RARDE) which did the forensic tests in the Maguire case. He had sent it to

Mr Yallop, his former colleague, then writing a book. It showed that the specialized "thin-layer chromatog-raphy" (TLC) test to identify nitroglycerine was not specific to that explosive, as claimed

Mr Mullen told the inquiry:

prove during the trial that the

"The principal issue on which the case was fought was whether there was, or could be, another substance which could be confused with nitroglycerine when tested."

Mr Yallop had made con-

tact to say that he had found the document and that there was PETN explosive, which RARDE knew behaved like nitroglycerine under test conditions, Mr Mullen said.

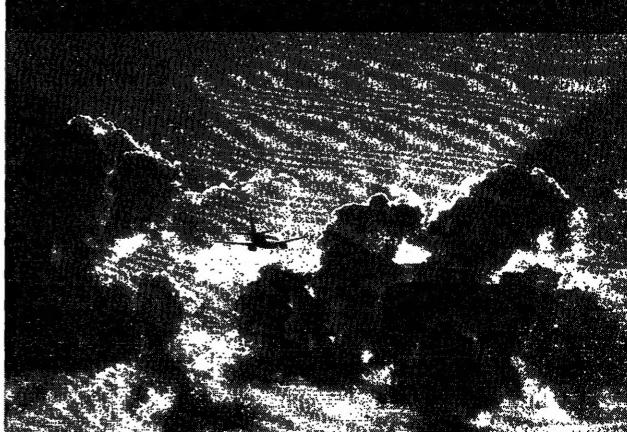
"It was appreciated that the significance of the document was that it contained information which impugned the integrity of the test," he said. Although Mr Yallop had

made it clear he had simply forgotten about it, it was felt an agreed statement would be better for the defence than his recall as a witness.

Mr Bueno said: "We were thrown into a state of disarray. I was terribly disappointed Mr Yallop was not recalled."

He said; "We were placed in the most appalling dilemma. The inquiry continues

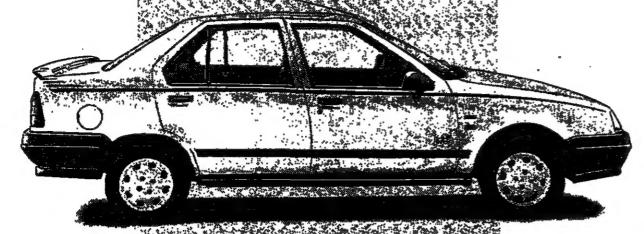
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Saunders denies warning of illegality

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executive, said yesterday. Giving evidence in his defence for the second day at the that there was a possibility of a Guinness trial at Southwark major criminal offence." Crown Court in London Mr Saunders rejected claims that him "it certainly would have a board meeting had been set alarm bells ringing. You given legal advice that part of don't forget something like the takeover arrangements that." could be unlawful,

there. No-one in their right mind would go into a terrible situation like that. If it had been said I would not find myself in the place I am now."

Mr Saunders and three other leading City figures deny charges arising out of Guinness's takeover in 1986 of the Distillers drinks combine. Appearing in the dock with Mr Saunders are Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron International group of companies, Anthony Parnes, a expected the commission to the chairman of Bells who older City stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, the millionaire financier.

They all deny 24 counts alleging theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising out of an alleged illegal share support operation which enabled Guinness to take control of

Mr Saunders was asked by Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, his defence counsel, to comment on evidence given earlier in the 17-week trial by Mr Anthony Salz, a member of net minister with respon-Guinness's solicitors at the time, Freshfields. Mr Salz had said that he warned the board meeting of January 19 which decided to go ahead with the referred to the head of the takeover bid that a promise Department of Trade and from the Distiller's board to pay Guinness's costs of the offer could break the Com-

panies Act. certainly not my recollection. For Salz to say he sat me down and we discussed Section 151 looking at competition in just of the Companies Act just is the United Kingdom, but at came from. not right. The concept of Guinness being involved in Guinness being involved in drinks company capable of any possible breach of the matching some of the largest criminal law and the board of companies in the world. directors saying 'That's okay,'

By PAUL WILKINSON THE Guinness family would would I." Mr Saunders said moved on early the next year have "run a mile" from any that he was aware generally of to bid for the Scottish drinks that he was aware generally of the Scot suggestion that its takeover of the illegal issues involved as group Distillers, a company

Distillers involved criminal he was of the financial ones, larger than Guinness. Mr Saunders rejected a acts, Ernest Saunders, the but he would only become brewing group's former chief directly involved if a serious problem arose. "And that would have included advice If Mr Salz had spoken to

The takeover itself had "It is simply inconceivable," he said. "The meeting and on February 13 1986, it would have ended then and was referred to the Monopowas referred to the Monopohes and Mergers Commission. Mr Saunders said that at that point he believed Guinness

had lost the deal for he

If the board had thought there was criminal liability. they would have run a mile 9

take up to six months to deliver a ruling, during which time rival bidders Argyll would have a clear field. "Why they did not make a final bid I shall never know." After the announcement

that the bid was to be referred he said he experienced one of tish press were vitriolic." his lowest moments."All my highly paid advisers had gone, saying better luck next time. I never felt so lonely in all my life." In anger he wrote a letter to the Prime Minister demanding to meet the Cabisibility for trade and industry. But that was Mr Paul Channon, a member of the Guinness family and he was Industry's competitions department

Over the next few days he had meetings with senior poli-Mr Saunders replied: "It is sertainly not my recollection. or Salz to say he sat me down them that they should not be the possibility of creating a

Mr Saunders denied behav-The Guinness board was a series of takeover deals allowed through Rival brew affair. The last thing we still largely a family company. during the mid 1980s. After eries had been closed needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells he alerted his team to check needed was another Bells needed was ne sort of criminal liability they £370 million for Bells Whisky someone you know and trust; which would restore the would have run a mile; and so in August 1985, and then to say he was a crony is Guinness family to where it

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suggestion by Mr Ferguson that the takeovers were "some form of megalomania, an ego trip for Ernest Saunders". Mr Saunders said: "That is just nonsense, I'm afraid. The reason for the acquisition of Bells was very straight-forward. Guinness faced the future after a remarkable turnaround of its fortunes, but it was never going to be a mass market brand on a world scale. It had only one brand in the drinks business. Where was

Mr Saunders said the fight for Bells between June and August 1985 had been acrimo-"There was a great strength of feeling against the taking over of a Scottish company by foreigners. In this case, foreigners included companies based in England.

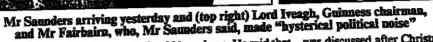
"There was considerable illwill in Scotland generated by not want to be taken over. There was an almost hysterical political noise led by two Scottish MPs, Nicholas Fairbairn and Bill Walker, and a number of their associates in the Scottish whisky lobby group of MPs. Also the Scot-

He spent most of the bid period canvassing support in Scotland among influential figures in commerce and industry and in the political field in an ultimately successful effort to avoid referral of the takeover.

Mr Saunders denied sugges tions that he had put "his cronies" into seats on the Guinness board, particularly Dr Arthur Fürer, his former colleague at his old company, Nestle, and Mr Tom Ward, the American lawyer. Mr Saunders said that Mr Ward had been appointed to the board after giving tremendous service to Guinness in Nigeria, where much of the company's profits at that time

Draconian import restrictions threatened the closure of Guinness's five breweries there but Mr Ward had used contacts in Washington to ensure raw. materials were





mischevious". He said that Lord Iveagh, Guinness's chairman, had seen the takeover of Distillers as a way to restore the status of the Guinness family as a key business force. He said when he came to discuss the possibility of a takeover with his chairman, shortly after the Bells deal, he had advised initially that Guinness should adopt a watch-and-wait policy

remarkable. "We had just completed an unpleasant and acrimonious

and consider its options, but

Lord Iveagh's reaction was

done in its second hundred years what it had done in the first hundred, remembering that it was not only a brewing concern, but into finance as well, then the business would have been up with the Rothschilds."

Mr Saunders said that he was not aware Distillers was "up for sale", until he read a statement by the Argyll supermarket chain issued on the direction of the Monopolies Commission that it was not preparing a bid for the drinks

came a practicality. The idea today.

should have been. He said that was discussed after Christmas if the Guinness family had lunch at Mr Saunder's holiday home in Switzerland with Dr Fürer and Mr Ward. It was then discussed by the Guinness board early in January 1986. He said that Guinness's

merchant bankers, Morgan Grenfell, were "very pushy" for a bid to be made. "You must remember the climate at that time. The City was awash with money."

At the time the takeover was the biggest the City had seen. Mr Saunders said that Morgan Grenfell had a reputation for being aggressive and in the recent past it had been on the losing side of a number of takeovers.

The hearing continues

Foreigners revive Tower's fortunes

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

BRITISH families are turning their backs on their heritage and heading instead for American-style theme parks. But a decade of decline in the number of people visiting some of Britain's historical monuments appears to have been halted, thanks largely to

foreign tourists.

More than 17 million foreign visitors came to Britain last year, nearly two million more than in 1988, and five million up on the 1978 figure. For many, the Tower of London, Windsor Castle and Anne Hathaway's Cottage were a top priority, helping to

reverse a 10-year decline. An Economist Intelligence Unit report on travel and tourism says that only the Roman Baths in Bath and Warwick Castle of 14 historic properties showed an increase in visitors between 1978 and 1988. All the others showed a marked fall. Last year, however, the Tower climbed back from 2,182,000 to 2,214,000, Edinburgh Castle went up from 958,000 to more than a million and the Windsor State Apartments went up from 700,000 to 808,000.

Meanwhile, the number of people visiting "theme parks" continued to rise dramatically. All four theme parks in Britain's top 20 tourist attractions are attracting more visitors, nearly all of whom are British. Alton Towers, which in 1981 attracted just under a million people, now has more

than 2.4 million a year. Dr Patrick Lavery, deputy director of Humberside College of Higher Education and a cading tourism expert said last night: "There has been a tremendous growth in the number of theme park type attractions. I suspect the total size of the domestic market has stayed the same and therefore the market share for

historic houses has fallen." The Tower says it has had the best start to a season for 10 years. Although it is trying to increase the number of British visitors, 75 per cent will still come from overseas.

Lord Strathclyde, the minister for tourism, said yesterday that in the first quarte of this year, the number of foreign tourists increased by 4 per cent to 3.5 million, spending £1.3 billion.

Stolen bonds found in **Cyprus**

Police in Cyprus have recovered £80.5 million-worth of the £292 million bonds stolen from a messenger in the City of London last month from a

bank on the island. A man allegedly involved in negotiations concerning the documents is being held in custody in the self-proclaimed republic of North Cyprus and two City of London detectives have flown out to interview him. He may be brought back

to Britain to face charges. Last week three men were arrested at Heathrow airport allegedly with 80 bonds worth £77.3 million. They were said to have arrived in a British Airways flight from Dublin in transit to Miami, Florida. The three have since appeared in court accused of conspiring to handle stolen goods.

'Bomb' charge

Mr Saeid Ebrahimi, aged 37, of Long Beach, California, was remanded in custody at Ayr Sheriff court yesterday ac-cused of claiming that he was in possession of a bomb while flying on a Pan Am 747 airliner from Frankfurt to Washington on Tuesday. He was arrested at Prestwick Airport where the plane made an emergency landing.

Death scratch

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at Steeton, West Yorkshire, yesterday on Mrs Frances Glover, aged 83, who died after being scratched by one of the stray cats she fed at her home in Sutton, near

£4,000 damages

Danielle Heath, aged six, of Hackney, east London, who was left scarred after being thrown through the windscreen of her parents' car in an accident blamed on dense smoke from a stubble-burning fire, won £4,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Inquest delay

The inquest into the death of the murdered Great Train Robber Charles Wilson has been adjourned until the end of this month. The coroner at Battersea, south London, agreed to the delay.



Better police communications 'could improve 999 service'



POLICE forces could provide an improved emergency service that also gives better value for money, according to a survey of police communications by the Audit Commission published today.

The report says that the 999 police emergency system operates with few checks on the time taken to answer calls, the suitability of the response and whether the police or public are satisfied. Without such monitoring, it is difficult to know how good the service is. Unlike the fire or ambulance services, no national

After several decades of introducing computer systems, the commission suggests that, although there is no evidence to show the 999 system is bad, many forces should consider reorganizing their systems to take advantage of the latest technology and make

The present communication and mcy systems cost £160 million a year to operate but £25 million a year could be saved by using more non-police staff, dif-ferent shift patterns, modern tele-phone networks and information systems and reorganizing control

rooms. Chief constables are said to have welcomed suggestions in the report and some forces are already carrying out surveys of resources, one of the points covered.

The report says that police research shows that the public rates the response to urgent calls as one of its priorities. It costs £300,000 a year to keep a mobile two-man crew on the road 24 hours a day, equal to 10 community beat offi-cers working an eight-hour day.

Mr Howard Davies, Controller of the Audit, said: "The effective-ness of police communications rooms is a key factor in determin ing the quality of service provided to the public and ensuring the

patrol. Our study found that many forces could provide a much improved service that also gives better value for money."

The report notes that the provincial police-call system handles 40 million calls a year of which 12 million are emergency calls. About 65,000 officers are deployed to 17 million incidents of which six million need urgent attention.

The report was based on surveys of 15 forces ranging from the main provincial forces such as Greater Manchester, the West Midlands and West Yorkshire to Thames Valley, the largest shire force, and small forces including Dorset.

effective use of police officers on Only the Northamptonshire force, which has a reputation for advanced management and carrying out value-for-money exercises, was found to be checking the time taken to answer calls.

Forces have adopted different types of communication systems ranging from a central control to a two-tier system including smaller local control rooms. Costs vary from £1,260 per officer to £2,160

Research on one force showed that 27 per cent of calls to a subdivision communications room were not answered within 30 seconds and in more than 80 per cent of those cases the caller rang

off before being answered. Some forces have logging systems show-ing where officers are working but these are not always kept up-todate and in one force a random test showed information on 12 officers was out of date.

Monitoring the time taken for officers to reach urgent situations has been abandoned because they often fail to report their arrival, unlike ambulance or fire crews. Within control rooms, monitoring is needed to check how resources are used, the report says. Control room staff could have their hours tailored to the periods of greatest need and surveys could be carried out to assess public satisfaction.

Teachers will have more freedom in geography lessons

more freedom in teaching the they will not be free to do what National Curriculum after fi- they like. We have spelt out nal recommendations yes the programmes of study and terday from the geography hope teachers will turn to terday from the geography hope working party. It is the first that report to be published since Mrs Margaret Thatcher said last Easter that she thought the curriculum was too restrictive and prevented teachers using

their individual skills. The working party's interim report published last November was criticized by teachers for much the same reasons. They said that it covered too much ground and was too prescriptive. The final version allows teachers more time to organize their own work a compulsory

Sir Leslie Fielding, vice-chancellor of Sussex University and chairman of the working party, said he did not believe the group had been influenced by the Prime Min-ister. He said: "We were going to address the problem any-way. Inside the group we felt that we should produce a slimmed-down report to avoid overload. It is more acher friendly and something that they can use.

"We thought that teachers should be given more freedom. They will have more comm

TEACHERS are to be given materials and methods but ities; and environmental

Sir Leslie said that although the report had been trimmed it contained the essential ingredients of the interim report published last November. A significant change was the move away from dividing the world into two, North and South, the developed and underdeveloped world.

He said: "That did meet some criticism and we felt that it would be difficult to sustain. There were also one or two nutters who wrote to say we were turning the world into white geography and black geography." Pupils will now have to study their home area and region, the United Kingdom within the European Community and the pupils with the European Community and the European Commu Community and the wider world.

Other areas of study will be: geographical skills, including the use of maps and diagrams and fieldwork; physical geog-raphy to develop a knowledge of weather and climate, rivers and seas, landforms, animals, plants and soils; human geography, giving an understand ing of population, settlements, communications and move-

What pupils should know of the world

THE working party recom-mendations include the fol-by economics, infant mortalat seven, 11, 14 and 16.

Use diagrams to record wet, dry, hot, cold, windy and calm periods; describe the use of land for homes, farming, transport, recreation and industry; understand the nature of homes and activity in the locality; identify local plants, animals and weather; draw nictures to illustrate seasonal weather; investigate how far local people travel to do shopping, visit relatives or take holidays; and understand how waste is disposed of.

Use information gathered in a field to draw a sketch map; understand the links between their local area and other regions, transport, commuting patterns and the sources of goods in local shops; investigate recent development and its effect on the locality; describe the effect of tourism on a small Caribbean island; examine the characteristics of soil from different sites; understand the influence of land and weather on farming; and discuss the arguments about hunting elephants for ivory and other animals for fur.

Compare the quality of life in

consumption; examine the issues associated with a declining industrial base, rapid population growth and the pressures of visitors on a scenically attractive area; understand the problems caused by the decline of traditional heavy industries in south Wales, investigate the sources of power used in Japan and its heavy dependence on imported fuels; use a diagram to identify the flow, storage and distribution of water, and understand the development of coal, oil and nuclear fuel and some of the alternatives.

Use maps to identify varying heights in the Italian Alps, transport routes in the Rhine Valley and settlement in the Paris hasin: examine the relationship between environmental, technological, social and political factors; understand European Community directives concerning pollution; analyse the regional varintions in prosperity in Brazil; examine how human activities can accelerate coastal erosion: describe factors that led to the growth of a town; and understand why rain forests, fundra and wetlands are particularly fragile.

geography to give an under-standing of the use and misuse of natural resources, the quality and vulnerability of The working party is critical of the teaching of geography in England and Wales. The

the most serious weakness." The group adds that many pupils aged 16 leave school with very little knowledge of geography with the result that their knowledge of locations, places and environments is very uneven". Under the proposals children aged six to 16 will be expected to have the equivalent of at least three lessons in a 40-period week, while GCSE pupils will have an extra period.

Last night, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: "These proposals aim to establish a firm foundation for achool geography. A sound knowledge of geography is essential for pupils to develop an informed appreciation and understanding of the world in which they are growing up and in which they will live and work as adults."

The report has gone to the National Curriculum Council for consultation to be completed by September so that final recommendations for lessons can be sent to Mr MacGregor by November.

National Curriculum les-sons in mathematics, English and science were introduced last year. Technology will by economics, infant mortal- enter the schools this autumn ity rates, life expectancy, lit- to be followed by geography music and physical education, and a compulsory modern languages for those aged 11 to 16, are scheduled for autumn 1992.

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School wins battle to opt-out

THE long battle for Beechen Cliff School, Bath, to opt-out of state control is officially over. Opposition from the county council crumbled with a landslide vote yesterday against further action.

Leaders of the council's education committee unanimously agreed not to appeal against the ruling by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to allow the 800-pupil school to opt-out. The school's fight for independence, allowed under the 1988 Education Reform Act has been seen as a test case. Mr James Ewing, gov-ernor of the school, said the decision "means stability and a sure future".



By JAMIE DETTMER

cap 21 local authorities for of debt for Haringey. setting high poll taxes threw up "hopeless distortions" and unfairly branded some councils as profligate, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, representing four of the capped authorities, claimed that the approach adopted by Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, was bound to produce

Disparities in the figures used to judge whether community charge levels were excessive were highlighted by Mr Henderson, who said the Government had acted unlawfully by capping the councils.

The attack on Mr Patten came on the second day of an application by 19 capped authorities seeking a judicial review of the Government's use of the 1988 Local Finance Act to impose spending curbs. The councils are asking the High Court to rule that Mr Patten acted unlawfully in ordering them to cut their poll taxes. The National Union of Teachers and two school governors from the London borough of Brent have joined in

Mr Henderson cited the case of Haringey council. He said there was a disparity between the final figures used by Mr Patten in his formula which were "out of kilter by percentages of more than 100

THE formula used by the per cent" when it came to Government in its decision to assessing the outstanding level

The first "principle" on which Mr Patten had judged an authority's budget excessive - exceeding the Government's Standard Spending Assessment by at least £75 per adult - was not a principle but an arbitrary figure. It was unfair because it favoured authorities which were set low government target spending figures, Mr Henderson said.

He told Lord Justice Leggatt, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Roch that capping was a "drastic step" which had serious financial consequences for local authorities and created uncertainty for charge payers. The 19 councils involved in

the action are: Avon, Barnsley, Basildon, Brent, Bristol, Calderdale, Camden, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Greenwich, Hammersmith, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, North Tyneside, Rochdale, Rotherham. St Helens and Southwark. None are Conservative controlled. In the case of Rotherham,

Mr Henderson said its "modest" budget figures for education spending showed it was Rotherham had been assessed by the European Community as "a very poor area" which should spend more on edu-cation, he said. The hearing continues

New car sales slump as high interest rates bite

borrowing severely dampened High Street spending and forced cost-cutting in industry. Figures released yesshow that heavy discounting and special offers at thousands

The May figures, down 12.7 The May figures, down 12.7 the new "H" registration plate per cent compared with the on August 1. The SMMT is same month last year, underline the drop in sales of new cars after a record year for manufacturers in 1989.

Dealers now fear an even fiercer discount war as manufacturers try to rebuild their market share. The SMMT figures show that Ford, Vauxhall, Rover, Pengeot Tal-bot, Nissan and Jaguar have lost substantially during this

Ford, although still leading with about a quarter of the new car market, has slipped in the first five months of the year to 231,172 from 276,823 in the same period of 1989. Rover sales fell from 139,353 to 130,253, Nissan from 63,974 to 50,323 and Pengeot from 61,855 to 55,217.

Vauxhall sales, mainly through its Cavalier model which now heads the list for the first part of the year, has maintained sales although they, too, are falling - down from 154,197 to 151,987 for a 15 per cent market share. Japanese importers have had large sales increases in the

Since, like all the houses in

the square, the property is listed Grade One, Mr Tyson

could normally have expected

a grant of at least 40 per cent

from English Heritage. How-ever, because he did not own

the house when the restora-

tion began, he was not eligible

for a grant in advance, and he

has now been told that it is not

English Heritage's policy to

Mr Michael Ray, Hove council's chief planning of-

ficer, said: "For years we have felt that one fine Regency terraced house should be open

to the public, like the Geor-

gian House in Bath. These two

young people have done it for a fraction of what it would

Mr Tyson estimates that he

needs about £100,000 to en-

sure his dream is finally realized. The thought of hav-

ing to walk away from all we

have done and give it up is

very frightening," he said

yesterday. "It is torture to be

so close and not to be able to

have cost the council."

pay grants restrospectively.

CAR sales slumped in May as first five months. Their share rates, which remain high the Government's attack on of imported cars has risen to throughout the term of the 57.04 per cent compared with loan. Showrooms have been 55.84 per cent in 1989. Mazda slashing sticker prices by up to sales are up from 7,776 to £1,500 but those cuts are 9,543, Mitsubishis, from 4,316 severely denting second-hand

The rapid fall of sales during of showrooms have failed to a busy month, could be fol- facturers. It accounts for half attract customers into invest- lowed by two severe months. of all new car sales, especially ing in new cars at a time of June and July are the quietest high interest rates. Mercedes and BMW now revising its estimates downwards for the full year

> through the dealers. Private buyers are staying away from showrooms, put off by high prices and interest

sales total while manufac-

turers face a summer sales

war as they attempt to keep

production output moving

terday by the Society of Motor to 5,347, and Hondas, 9,277 to prices when buyers sell their Manufacturers and Traders 13,063.

The decline in the company for luxury models from key manufacturers such as Jaguar,

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Top 10 cars from January to May this year are: 1, Vauxhall Cavalier (66,479); 2, Ford Sierra (66,317); 3, Ford Fiesta (64,759); 4, Ford Fissia (64,759); 4, Ford Escort (62,468); 5, Vauxhall Astra (48,381); 6, Rover Metro (39,823); 7, Rover 200 (32,715); 8, Vauxhall Nova (24,783); 9, VW Golf (22,751); 10, Peugeot 205 (22,646).

Japanese models dominate league for reliability

By OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

British roads published today by the Consumers' Associ-ation Which? magazine.

Rover wins a high placing in the reliability table with its 213 model, manufactured at Longbridge, Birmingham, designed in collaboration with Honda of Japan and powered by a Honda engine. Ford and Vauxhall, which sell the most cars in Britain, are both regarded as average in the league table of 21 car makers.

The list of manufacturers whose models show betterthan-average reliability re-cords is headed by Honda, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan and Toyota for cars made in the past two years. For cars made between 1985 and 1987, the same five line up. They are joined by Subaru and two European manufacturers, Mercedes and Saab.

The magazine, which took reports from 46,000 cars, said that cars from almost every manufacturer were becoming more reliable. "We are still a long way from the point at which cars are so reliable that we can stop worrying and there are still very great differences between good and DOOT Cars.

Rover, criticized in previous surveys, won some praise from Which? for its recovery which brought the 213 "baby" Rover saloons into the reliability listings for the first time. Which? says: "Collaboration with Honda is producing an upturn in Rover's fortunes. Honda-engined models are fair to good

for reliability." Last night, Rover said it was

JAPANESE cars dominate a not reflect the large numbers list of the most reliable cars on of cars sold by British manufacturers in the home market to millions of satisfied cus-tomers. "We sell more than 300,000 cars a year in this country and the total Which? sample for the whole of Rover's products over eight years was just 1,400 cars," a

> "We are very pleased that Which? is reporting some of success of Rover cars. Our especially increasing numbers of fleet customers who would not buy our cars without the confidence that they were reliable."

The new Ford Fiesta is rated as average as is the Escort, Vauxhali gets a better than average for its Astra/Belmont 1600 series.

Japanese cars also share most of the honours in the magazine's annual guide to "Best Buys" for 1990. The Toyota Corolla and the Nissan Sunny are both considered best buys in the category for small family models and the Toyota Carina wins the larger family cars section.

There is some good news again for Rover, with the new Land Rover Discovery, tipped as the best buy among fourwheel-drive vehicles. The French-built Peugeot 205 was judged best buy among supermini models.

The most reliable cars made during 1988-89, judged by Which? were: minis and superminis, Peugeot 205 diesel; small family cars, Toyota Corolla, Vauxhali Astra/Belmont, VW Golf/Jetta; larger family cars, Citroen BX diesel, Honda Accord, Mazda wary of the magazine's sample 626, Nissan Bluebird, Toyota sizes, saying that they could Carina; large cars, Volvo 700.

Rules on art export 'outdated'

By JOHN SHAW

AN URGENT overhaul of regulations governing the export of works of art was called for yesterday by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Art Collections

The inadequacy of present legislation in the face of rising art prices had been demonstrated by the case of "The Three Graces". The approaching free market in 1992 made reform imperative.

Sir Nicholas, a former chairman of the Stock Exchange, told the fund's annual meeting in London that new legislation was needed to safeguard ex-port-stopped works of art bought by private buyers. The 1939 emergency legisla-

tion was out-dated and responsibility for export decisions needed to be moved from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Office of Arts and Libraries.

The fund spent over £2 million last year helping instrutions throughout the

Cash problems threatening a Regency revival

restoration, it may have to be sold and divided once again

Brunswick Square is widety regarded as a supreme exam-

ple of Regency townscape, but

after the aristocracy stopped

frequenting it, many of the houses fell into disrepair.

When Mr Nick Tyson and

Miss Margrit Bass moved into

the basement of No 13, the

property was in danger of collapse and part of it had

been condemned as unfit for

habitation. However, in the

past six years they have acquired the freehold of the

property, and, as tenants have

left, have restored rooms to

The work has involved

their Original appearance.



Work on restoring the dome above the stairway of 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, for public viewing

from the Welsh quarry that Hove Borough Council, nat-A SIX-YEAR project to restore a Regency house in Brunswick Square, Hove, to

provided the originals, and the lead work has been restored by its original early 19th-century Mr Paul Vincent, who was appearance and to open it to the public is jeopardized by a lack of funds. Unless the also responsible for the restoration of the domes of the Brighton Pavilion. owners can raise about £100,000 to complete the

Mr Tyson hopes to complete the restoration and open the house to the public in time for next year's Brighton Festi-val. He believes that it would complement the pavilion by showing how court followers of George IV lived when they went down to Brighton for the Summer season.

He has had considerable help from companies including Pilkington Glass, British Steel, Potterton, and Honeywell. A number of craftsmen have given their services free, and Laura Ashley has offered to provide the curtains and wallpapers. Mr John Morley, former director of the pavilion and keeper of furniture at the Victoria and Albert Museum, has said that he can provide pictures and furnishings in

time for the festival. painstaking rebuilding and restoration of cornicing, archi-Mr Tyson has spent some traves, door and window cas-£257,000 on the project but, although be has received some ings and shutters. The roof has been re-covered with states improvement grants from finish the task."

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Cook in row over 'three million drop' in eye tests

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tests by opticians were introduced just over a year ago, the number of tests has fallen by three million, Labour said in the Commons yesterday.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, opening a debate on eye test charges, said that the fall in the number of tests had led to a fall in the number of referrals to specialists and thus people's health was being endangered.

One of the priorities of the next Labour Government would be to introduce free eye

During heated exchanges, Mr

Bill would aid tunnel 'victims'

HOUSEHOLDERS who had to suffer all the problems of noise pollution, disturbance and lower property values as a result of big road or rail projects such as the proposed Channel tunnel high-speed link should not also have to wait a year after the project was completed before they could claim compensation, Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maid-

stone, C) said in the Commons. Seeking leave under the 10-minute rule to introduce the Injurious Affection (Amendment) Bill, she said that people living in Kent just outside the 240-metre corridor of the tunnel link would not have their properties acquired by compulsory

They did, however, suffer uncertainty while the scheme was being planned, nuisance during building work and the "monstrous" imposition of hav-ing to wait another 12 months before they could claim com-

As things were going, it looked likely that the full Channel tunnel link would not be completed before the turn of the

The planning and compensa-tion laws needed to be reviewed to see if they were adequate to meet the new phenomenon of the vast new railway construc-tion. Constituents affected by consequent development of freight facilities could not claim any compensation unless there was negligence in the course of construction. If there were simple intensification of use, the Land Compensation Act pro-

The Bill, which proposes that the 12 months' wait should be reduced to three months, was formally read a first time, but has little hope of making further

Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, suggested that the figures had been supplied by the opticians, who had a vested

Mr Cook said that when Mr Clarke had announced the ending of free eye tests 18 months ago he had said that those who claimed it would deter people were crying wolf, and he had denied there would be any deterrent effect. Mr Clarke had asked how many people would be deterred by a £10 charge.

"We can now answer that

"We can now answer that question: it is three million." That figure had come from a number of independent surveys analysed by Professor Peter Hart, professor of statistics at Hart, professor of statistics at Reading University. In the year ended in April, the number of eye tests was 8.9 million. "We have to go back to 1981 to find a year in which the number of eye tests were that low. Effectively, this Government has wiped out a whole decade of advance in services."

services. Mr Clarke intervened to point out that Mr Cook was relying on data provided by opticians, who had a vested interest in the replies they gave. A Mori poll of the public showed no apparent difference in the number of tests carried

Mr Cook said that the Secretary of State seemed to be implying that there was a conspiracy on the part of all those who had taken part in the surveys and by the professor who had analysed them.

who had analysed them.

It was typical of the Government faced the with the problem that it should have gone to a market research organization rather than to the opticians. But it was an established fact that such polls resulted in over-reporting. If the poll was to be belived, 15.25 million people had had eye tests.

"If that was correct, the only

"If that was correct, the only problem the profession would have had in the past year would have been how to get these people to form orderly queues at their doors."

Mr Clarke said that Mr Cook's proposition was based "on the absurd argument that so long as you only survey the opticians you can show there is a drop. But every time you survey the public, you show there has been no drop in eye tests at all." Mr Cook accused Mr Clarke of casting a sinr on a scientific profession by saying opticians were conspiring to conceal an increase and to deceive the

was that of a professional vested

Mr Cook said that was a "breathtaking slur". Would he accept an independent audit of the books of opticians? "He will thority.

many they are treating because he dare not ask them." be dare not ask them. Dame Jill Knight (Birming-ham, Edghaston, C) said that if ophthalmic opticians and medical practitioners were faking their books, it was a matter for the Inland Revenue.

the Inland Revenue.

Mr Cook agreed. He challenged Mr Clarke to repeat his allegations outside the cloak of parliamentary privilege.

Mr Clarke destibed Mr Cook's case as "a palpable myth" based on an inadequate and parrows survey.

and narrow survey.

Mr Cook said that the reduction of three million eye tests would mean a 160,000 fall in the number of referrals for medical examination. "These are the people with disturbing symptoms who are now being missed, members of the public who are members of the public was act unaware that their sight and maybe their health is at risk." These would include 26,000 cases of cataract, 25,000 of glaucoma, 11,000 of hypertension and 13,000 of diabetes.

Mr Clarke had been dramati-cally wrong in his predictions. The introduction of the market had increased prices and re-duced productivity and choice because 250 branches of in-dependent optometrists had

Competition had resulted in higher prices, a reduction in the number treated and a reduction n the number of places to be

Mr Clarke said that the Government continued to pay for the eye test for a third of the population, including those on low incomes, young children and people susceptible to

particular diseases.
Opticians preferred the system they had before. They could put up notices: "NHS Eye Test: Free for All". This was perfectly proper to get people to come inside and buy spectacles. The NHS provided them with a guaranteed income. The change meant that each optician had to decide whether to charge and to what extent Some firms had decided not to do so.

He acknowledged the im-portance of eye tests in pre-ventive medicine and that it did lead to the discovery of some diseases. But what people were being asked to pay was only £10 or £11 once every two years for an important part of their health care. Genuine competition care. Genuine competition would be more widespread if the Labour Party stopped supporting the free eye test campaign. Opticians were reluctant to allow a free market to break out when they thought they might get back to where they were before.

Labour, short on health pol-Ource of opinion to be relied on its leabour, short on health policy was giving way to commence of opinion to be relied on its leabour. cial lobbying

The cost of restoring the free eye tests would be £90 million, more than the budget of a reasonable-size health au-



Health board 'is incompetent'

nancial problems were the result of the incompetence of the board members, Labour's Scottish health spokesman said dur-

ing questions.

Mr Samuel Galbraith described the situation as a shambles and said that ultimate with Mr responsibility rested with Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland. All the board members were appointed di-rectly by Mr Rifkind and half of them were either directly or indirectly connected with the Conservative Party.

"Unless an increase in funding is made available to the board, the crisis will only be resolved by the Secretary of State reneging on his promises, closing hospitals and introducing other measures that will directly affect patient care."

**Bilitial said that the

Mr Rifkind said that the Government had been helpful Government had been helpful with regard to the problems of the Lothian board by indicating that the board would not be required this year to pay for the overspend last year. But it was crucially important that the board should gain control over its expenditure and resources.

All health heartle in Syntland

All health boards in Scotland were funded in the same way, and if the Lothian Region were the only one with financial difficulties that must result from board itself.

Answering a question about the criteria for appointments to health boards in Scotland, Mr

LOTHIAN Health Board's fi- Rifkind said that individuals were appointed on the basis of the contribution they could make to the duties and responsibilities of the board.

Mr Nigel Griffiths (Edin-burgh South, Lab) asked whether Mr Rifkind realized that the cuts and panic closures of hospitals in the Lothian Region were an indictment of his system of appoinments.

"Will he now ensure that the Lothian Health Board gets proper funding", he asked, "or will he go?"

Mr Rifkind said that he was anxious to ensure that health boards recognized and considered all the implications for health care in their region. The problem had not been

caused by underfunding, all boards in Scotland were funded in the same way. The fact that Lothian had severely overspent was the result of internal finan-

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Rox-burgh and Berwickshire, Lib Dem) asked for an assurance Dem) asked for an assurance that, if appointments were more business oriented, the Secretary of State would pay attention to the successor boards and see that they were properly funded.

Mr Rifkind said that he wished to ensure that there was the widest possible breadth of experience, consistent only with terest between those who served on the health boards and those with financial associations with the provision of health care.

Rifkind is still trying to get information

RAVENSCRAIG retary of State for Scotland, is still trying to get information from British Steel about its

plans to close the Ravenscraig hot strip mill at Motherwell, but at question time he rejected a suggestion that he should use the Government's golden share to intervene at the company's annual meeting next month.

He said that he has suggested

He said that he has suggested in a letter to Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel, that he should meet the workforce representatives to explain his thinking and hear their "constructive suggestions of how they can make a vital contribution to the welfare of British Steel!" Steel". Mr Melcolm Rifkind said:

Mr Malcohn Rifkind said:
"Our first priority is to obtain
greater information — indeed
any information about the
reasoning and thinking behind
their proposals".

Dr Robert Reid (Motherwell
North, Lab) said that he was
glad Mr Rifkind had met representatives of the workers. It was
their jobs that were on the line.
"They know better than any-

their jobs that were on the line.

"They know better than anyone in this House the problems of the steel industry. Suspicions are growing among the workers' representatives and others that the closure of the hot strip mill is the result of the monopoly position of British Steel."

Mr James Sillars (Glasgow, Govan, SNP) said that one

Govan, SNP) said that one privilege of the Government's golden share in British Steel was that a minister had the right to attend and to address shareholders at the annual meeting. He asked Mr Rifkind to exercise that right and to get, at the meeting, the information so far denied to the Government.

Mr Rifkind: However sincere his intention, that is a rather foolish suggestion. The golden share is only relevant to any

proposal for an outside interest to acquire more than 15 per cent of the shareholding of British Steel. That was made clear by the prospectus.

the prospectus.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C): I remind him that he is talking about British Steel. There would be considerable resentment if Mr Rifkind sought unduly to influence British Steel in making a commercial decision simply because of the volume of voices from Scottish Labour MPs.

Mr Rifkind replied that the Government had called on Brit-

Government had called on British Steel to explain and defend its position on proposals for the

strip mill. strip mill.

Mr Donald Dewar, Opposition chief spokesman on Scottish affairs, said that it was not
encouraging to hear the minister
talking of hoping that he would
get some information from Brittch Steel

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"Is he getting co-operation on the arguments, facts and figures? Has Sir Robert Scholey indicated that he will discuss his case openly and frankly with the workforce and the Government? What steps will the minister take if co-operation is not forthcoming? If the information comes forward, will he look seriously at the need to test the seriously at the need to test the assumptions behind the de-cision, perhaps with the help of independent advice?"

Mr Rifkind said that he understood Mr Dewar's need to make those remarks, but Labour's policy in that matter was in all practical respects the same as that of the Government. Labour had ruled out renat-ionalization, thus saying, with all others, that the decision was for British Steel.

Flashing lights for school buses

SCHOOL buses will have to carry distinctive signs, which may include flashing lights, if government proposals for regu-lations are carried into effect.

Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State, Transport, gave details in a written reply of the proposals being published in a consultation paper. He said that the proposed

regulations would require all buses, except those running public scheduled services, to display a distinctive sign while carrying children to or from their school

They would also permit the fitting of flashing amber lights near such signs, and their use when children were getting on or off the bus. "The use of these signs will

make a significant contribution to improving the safety of children using school buses. They will alert motorists to the

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fact that children are about and might be crossing the road. "Motorists should exercise extra caution every time they overtake a stationary bus displaying the sign, whether or not it is equipped with the additional flashing lights."

He hoped that this, taken with other recently announced mea-sures in a wide programme of steps to promote safety on the roads, would help to bring about the reduction in child road deaths that everyone wished to

The draft regulations have been issued to interested parties, whose views have been invited by August 31. The sign proposed for school buses will be the international sign showing a

Savings schemes to be updated

New ways of saving are to be introduced soon to encourage long-term sav-ings in the wake of the Budget announcement of a 1 per cent increase in National Savings interest rates.

Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary, Treasury, said in a written reply that there would be a new fixed-in terest savings certificate offering a tax-free guaranteed return of 9.5 per cent a year if held for five years; a similar improvement in the yearly plan; a new index-linked earning a perificular. linked savings certificate revalued monthly by ref-erence to the retail prices index and offering tax-free guaranteed extra interest of 4.5 per cent a year if held for five years; and a new series capital bond offering a guaranteed return of 13 per cent a year, taxable, but credited without prior deduction of income tax, if

Visa rules changed

Citizens from Argentina and East Germany will no longer need visas to visit Briatin, Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

Necessary changes in the immigration rules were laid before Parliament yes-terday and come into effect

Grant for Nicaragua

Britain is to provide a grant of £600,000 for Nicaragua, Mrs Lyada Chalk-er, Minister for Overseas Development, announced in a Commons written reply. British aid in the past has been channelled through the European Community which provided £13.8 million in 1988, of which Britain's share was £2.75 million.

New peers introduced

Lord Cavendish of Fwness, formerly Mr Richard Cavendish, chairman of Holker Estate Group, and Lord Holme of Chelten-ham, formerly Mr Richard Holme and a former president of the Liberal Party, were introduced in the Lords

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-

tions: Treasury; Prime Min-ister. Food Safety Bill, remaining stages.
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Ashdown's housing cash plan

By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Liberal Democrats would phase out mortgage tax relief and institute housing allowances applying both to those buying and to those renting their homes, Mr Paddy Ashdown said yesterday. The Liberal Democrat leader said that the action would come after a merger of the tax and social security systems.

Mr Ashdwon was introducing a report on homelessness, Seen but not Heard, produced for his party by a group of housing experts; it is to form the basis of discussions on formulating a policy for the homeless.

The report says that mortgage interest tax relief to home owners last year cost £6,750 million, with higher rate taxpayers receiving on average more than £2,000 towards their housing costs from public funds. It their housing costs from public funds. It urges, in the long term, the institution of a new system of housing subsidy, called housing cost relief, which would apply both to home owners and to those who rent. Existing mortgage holders would not be affected unless they chose to opt into the new system.

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The authors, Bruce Douglas-Mann, chairman of Shelter, Wendy Chaplain, a London borough housing officer, Mark Hayes, an architect, and Chris Price, a



management consultant, say that renting is at present uneconomic for landlords and for anyone who can afford to buy.

In the short term, the report says that homelessness can be countered by paying income support in advance instead of in arrears, by restoring income support for the under-25s, by providing Youth Training

Scheme travel warrants to those prepared to travel to train and by reflecting liability for mortgage interest payments in family credit. It calls for an increase in hostel

accommodation.

In the medium term, the report urges preservation of the leasing system being abolished under the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, expansion of the lodging system and the provision of a duty on neighbouring local authorities to provide for others with greater housing needs. It says that portable discounts along the lines of the right to buy should be considered for local authority tenants who want to buy in the private sector, so leaving public housing stock available. It also calls for capital receipts from the sale of council houses to be released for the provision of

Mr Ashdown said that there were \$0,000 people defined as homeless in statutory terms in London alone and the number had

ncreased by 20,000 in a year.

It was no longer a problem confined to the inner cities, it was spreading to the country, too. He had helped to provide two much-needed hostels in his own area of Yeovil. He added: "Unless steps are taken now, we face another winter of suffering. It is the shame of our nation to see the is the shame of our nation to see the cardboard ghettos growing in every city."

Parliament 'must not decline into an EC parish council'

LABOUR would not want to see Parliament become a parish council within the EC. Lord Cledwyn of Pearles, leader of the Opposition peers, said in the Lords during a debate on European political and monetary

He told peers that he wanted the EC to be democratic and Britain to be a part of it. "But I do not want this Parliament to be dismantled or converted into

a parish council." The debate, he said, was fundamentally about sovereignty and about how much more power the Government propower me Government pro-posed to give to the Commu-nity, "We shall need to know its extent and in which authority or authorities it will be invested. Our chief concern in this is

He said that Parliament and the people wanted to know much more about the Govern-ment's policy on these crucial

There were differences in the Government and in the Cabinet. But the Opposition was entitled to expect at some stage a character to expect at some stage a clear foreign policy, pursued with consistency, rather than to have the Government scrambling to debate events set in train by others.

train by others.
The Opposition understood the Government's difficulties over joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. He agreed

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that joining would not cure that joining would not cure Britain's economic problems overnight, but in the longer term it could provide her with the kind of stability and the terms of investment and steady growth that the country so badly

If the road to economic union was strewn with difficulties, they were not insuperable. But the way to political union was far harder to negotiate.

Opening the debate, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, said that there were some signs of improvement in the Government's European posture and that Labour administrations also been guilty of misjudgement on the issue. But why had the Government persistently and damagingly marched out of step with

Europe?

The explanation for the remarkable consistency in attitude of governments of both parties lay more in misunderstanding than a lack of British goodwill towards the Community, although the result had been unfortunate. There was, for instance, an exaggerated and unnecessary

fear of a "formal and flattening federalism" which would make

Europe an analogue of the

merely the equivalent of a Pennsylvania or Illinois within it. He did not believe that would

Then there was the continental intellectual tradition to think more in general declarations of intent and direction, while the British were more inclined towards "nudging one's way forward, determining each step only after the previous one has been taken".

The test of European statesmanship, and the only way to be an effective European leader, was to be able to reconcile. Sometimes there was logical gap between the end and the means of a ringing European declaration and it was sensible to profit from the vagueness, making oneself central in playing an important role in shaping the modality.

Lord Brahazon of Tara, Min-

ister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said that the Government was taking an active role in seeking to define the future development of the Community. The United Kingdom wanted a strong Community but wished to maintain its national traditions and distinctive way of life. He was not talking of cultural and social things such as cricket and pints of beer, or Shakespeare, but also political traditions and the maintenance of strong pol-itical institutions.

'Freedom of speech' inquiry

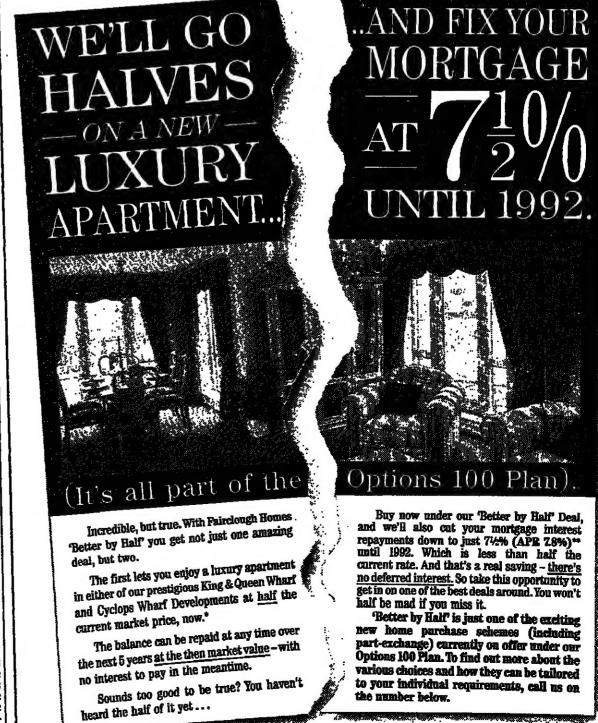
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INTERESTED parties are to be consulted by the Scottish Office about arrangements for safe-guarding freedom of speech in universities and colleges in Scotland and would then consider whether any action was needed, Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State for Scotland, said during ques-

Mr Donald Dewar, Opposition chief spokesman on Scottish affairs, said that he regretted that there appeared to have been a shift in the Government's position since a Scottish Office minister had said that there was little evidence in Scotland of the problems that had led to the action taken to deal with interference with free speech on campuses in England. There had been one deplorable incident at Glasgow recently, but that had been very much a case of rent-a-

Mr Lang said that it was because the position was different that the Scottish Office had not followed English colagues in their action.

Freedom of speech was vitally important if a university was to be the light of liberty and learning and it could not be that unless freedom of speech was



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Nato to study Soviet call for links with Warsaw Pact

From Andrew McEwen, diplomatic editor, in copenhages

can Secretary of State, con-firmed yesterday that Nato is to consider Soviet proposals for links between the two He will brief the 15 other

Nato foreign ministers today on ideas put forward by Mr Shevardnadze, bis Soviet counterpart, during talks in Copenhagen. Mr Baker said Mr Shevardnadze had given "more insights" into the ideas, first mooted by President Gorbachov during the Washington summit. Both men refused to disclose details until they had seen their respective alliances. While Mr Baker attends the two-day Nato meeting in Turnberry, Scotland, the Soviet Foreign Minister will be at a Warsaw

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Pact summit in Moscow. Mr Baker hinted that Moscow was proposing direct confidence-building measures between the two pacts. A number of indirect measures agreed through the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe have been in force for some time.

Links between the alliances might overcome Soviet fears arising from German reunification, helping the Kremlin to drop its objections to a united Germany being part of Nato.

The West will not accept anything which could be interpreted as a merger, but might agree to limited face-saving gements to help Moscow come to terms with reunification and with the virtual disintegration of the Warsaw Pact. Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Secretary for External Affairs, said there would be "extensive discussion" at Turnberry on giving Nato a more political character. He called for decisions on these lines to be taken at the Nato summit in London next month and said Mr Gorbachov and Mr Shevardnadze had made it clear they would not be satisfied

with mere talk of change. Mr Baker stretched out his hand to Moscow yesterday in a remarkably hopeful speech to the Conference on the Human Dimension, an inter-national human rights forum. American and British delegates at previous human rights conferences have strongly critbut Mr Baker is thought to welcome Mr Gorbachov's reforms. Apart from

MR JAMES Baker, the Ameri- repeating President Bush's misgivings over Soviet policy on Lithuania, Mr Baker's emphasis was on the prospects for a better future. "We are closer than ever to realizing the CSCE's long-cherished vision of a Europe whole and

free," he declared.

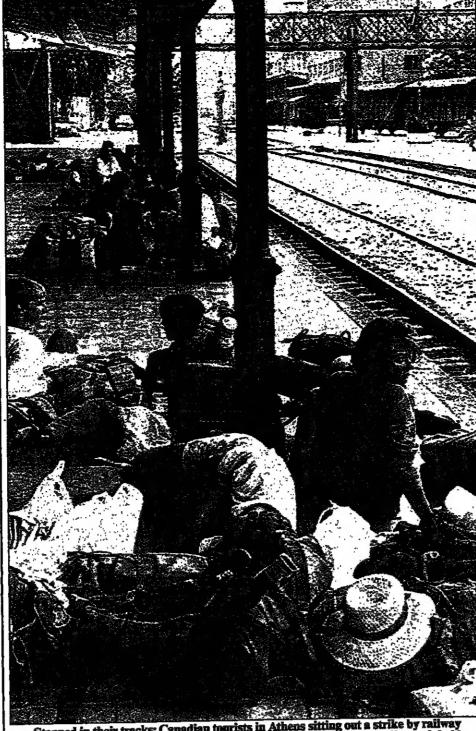
Mr Baker and Mr Clark made proposals similar to ideas put forward by Moscow, which would transform the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe into the leading political forum on Europe's future. A final decision to upgrade the organiza-tion will almost certainly be taken at a CSCE summit later this year. There have been fears for several weeks that the meeting might be delayed because of Soviet foot-dragging in Vienna at the Conventional Forces in Europe talks, but since the Washington summit, some of the optimism has returned.

Albania, which has been admitted to the Copenhagen Conference as an observer, said yesterday that it hoped to join the CSCE by the end of the year. The organization would then include every country in Europe.

But the Albanians appear not to have realized what this will entail. Mr Petrit Bushati, the Albanian Ambassador to Sweden, said Tirana would adopt all CSCE agreements made since it was founded in 1975. But when asked if Albania would have multiparty democracy, he said there was no tradition for organized opposition.

• Rights issue: Although the human rights situation in the Soviet Union has dramatically improved, several problems still exist and Moscow still has to implement many of the stipulations of the Helsinki Accord of 1975, the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights told a press conference yesterday, on the second day of the Conference on the Human Dimension in the Danish capital (Christopher Follett writes).

There is a major need for education on human rights in the Soviet Union, perestroika is still very unevenly distributed," Mr Yuri Orlov, the Soviet dissident and cofounder of the Moscow Helsinki Group in 1976, said.



Stopped in their tracks: Canadian tourists in Athens sitting out a strike by railway workers 25 a 24-hour general stoppage over government economic policy took hold

Bulgarians unmoved by the 'steered revolution'

From Roger Boyes in Bankia, Bulgaria

IF THE road is cleared of cart horses an hour in advance, if there are policemen positioned every 200 yards, and your vehicle is a Mercedes, it is possible to get from President Palace to Bankja in 20 minutes. That was how Mr Todor Zhivkov, the former Bulgarian leader, travelled to his villa in a small hillside village famed for its mineral water and high ozone levels.

Outside there are Moorish frills, inside a cinema, seven suites and an Olympic-sized

policemen, but swarthy, cau-not tend naturally to selftious men who do not talk very much. They prowl the lawns, checking alarms.

The disgraced Mr Zhivkov is in prison hospital awaiting trial on charges of corruption. His grandson is under house arrest in another Zhivkov villa, charged with rape. His son, Vladimir, is under investigation. Everything is in political limbo.

Mr Zhivkov, aged 79, and all his belongings, are an swimming pool surrounded embarrassment. It is difficult by exotic plants. There are no to shed the impression that a peacocks in the garden any party in control of the state

enrichment. Mr Aleksandr Lilov, the party chairman and once Mr Zhivkov's chief ideologist, has a large Western-equipped villa.

The opposition has been trying to stir up the issue, but Mr Lilov merely says: "Why not? The ideal of socialism is not poverty. My villa has been built with money paid to me for 40 years of work - honest work - and from the fees for my publication." That, of the party elite, including President Mladenov, bought their houses legally but at arti-

ficially depressed prices. The core issue is that the present leadership of the Bulgarian Socialist Party. which stands a good chance of winning Sunday's elections, is almost identical to the hierarchy of Mr Zhivkov's Communist Party. Mr Mladenov, Mr Zhivkov's Foreign Minister for many years, now says that his former boss "was a ruthless maniac blinded with greed for power". Yet, say opposition analysts, Mr Mladenov must have been closely involved with Mr Zhivkov's virulently anti-Turkish policy and many other blunders.

In certain circles - in the university, the film and theatre communities - it is chic to vote for the opposition and sport the blue stickers and carves of their Union of Democratic Forces. But, at heart, there is a deep indifference to the "steered revolution", with the attempt of a weakened but still dominant Communist Party to share power and gain a new legitimacy. Some form of coalition with the Communists seems inevitable after Sunday.

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intensely depressing. misses the point, as all

Greens, believes that those us here."

Freedom may revive glories of Carlsbad

is a danger that commerce will take precedent over the

Not boasting a casino

Marienbad is more gentle than

its larger neighbour, but here, too, years of neglect weigh

Once the band under the

colonnade finishes its Aus-

trian marches at 4pm, silence

reigns as scores of factory

workers pace up and down

sipping a water still renowner

for possessing curative

By 8pm, with all lights out

the spa is a ghostly stage-set of former glories. "It is a miracle

that the water has resisted the

local pollution, but Marienbad is a place of miracles," Dr

Ales Sensvier, who has been a resident physician for more than three decades, says.

"Here your King Edward

had tea with the Austrian

emperor. The entire spa was

constructed for the benefit of a

class the Communists did

their best to destroy and yet

... Marienbad still lives," he

says, pointing to the aban-doned English church with its

monument to Edward VII

barely preserved amid the

The physician will also be

voting for the Greens, who are

believed locally to stand a

good chance of polling the five

per cent needed to qualify to send MPs to the new

But Civil Forum is also

running a high profile cam-

paign in the spas, making use

of the loudspeakers the Com-

munists erected on every street during the 1970s to broadcast Stalinist readings.

A population sensing the

imminent profits of a boom-

ing tourist industry are con-vinced that the Forum's

commitment to making

Czechoslovakia "again a part

of Europe" is the sole guarantee of future prosperity.

"The Greens are inexperi-

Harvartova, a physiotherapist

shattered stained glass.

environment," he says.

FOR Bohemian spas, particu- who do not vote for his party are only helping the Com-munists to achieve their virlarly one as venerable as Marianske Lazne (known as tual single-handed destruction Carlsbad in the days of the of one of the most fabulously Austro-Hungarian Empire), unspoilt parts of the Earth. this week's first free elections "Time is not on our side. for 42 years hold out the promise of a new era of Drastic action is needed now, by everyone. If we do not win prosperity after decades of enough votes, I'm afraid there

Whoever wins, as long as it is not the Communists, things will be better for us," the tailcoated manager of the opulent Hotel Moskwa says.

communist abuse and neglect.

The hotel, formerly the Hotel Pupp, was the setting for the handover of the Habsburgs' order of battle by the infamous Austrian traitor, Colonel Redl, to his Russian

The Moskwa, whose highceilinged rooms were the exclusive playground of party bosses until last December, is enjoying a new lease of life. The German frontier is barely

Mr Pavel Smutny, "regulator" of the spa's chief thermal spring, the 30ft-high sprudel, believes the elections offer Carlsbad the chance to recover its pre-1914 status as Europe's premier spa. "Today people need spas more than ever - to benish the stress of modern life. Carlsbad will again become a point on the map," he says.

Mr Smutny, along with most of his colleagues, will be voting for the Greens. "A Green vote is a vote for nature and therefore a vote for the spas," he said as a van broadcasting Green election

notices sped by. Above the wrought-iron pergolas of the former Imperial Austrian offices' convalescent home, the forest walks that meander past derelict chapels are a melancholy comment on four decades of communist misrule.

One in every three trees is visibly dying - the heart of Czechoslovakia's heavy industry is just miles away. Lignite, burnt in quantities never experienced here before the war, is the main culprit. The combination of dying forests and boarded-up pension houses, still empty from the expulsion of the millions Czechoslovak Germans who lived here until 1946, is

At nearby Marienbad, reached through an area of 20 square miles of devastated pine forests, the effects of the pollution are even more

Mr Miroslav Kulhavy, vice-

Czechs question former leaders

> From Peter Green IN PRAGUE

MR MILOS Jakes and four other hardline former Communist leaders in Czechoslovakia were detained just days before the country holds its first free parliamentary elections in 44 years, for their part in inviting the Soviet Union and four other Warsaw Pact countries to invade Czechoslovakia and suppress the 1968 Prague Spring.

Mr Jakes and the others were questioned by justice officials and all, apart from Mr Vasil Bilak, the Communists former chief ideologist; were later released.

Mr Andrej Samel, the Dep-uty Interior Minister, told Reuters news agency the five were detained at the request of Mr Tibor Boehm, the federal

They are suspected of violating the law in connection with the entry of the five (Warsaw Pact) armies on August 21, 1968, and other criminal acts such as abuse of power," Mr Samel said.

"I cannot exclude that other people acting against the law and the security of this country could be detained." he Mr Jakes, the Communist

General Secretary deposed after last November's "velvet revolution" was detained along with Mr Bilak, the man suspected of inviting the Soviet Union to invade Czechoslovakia, Mr Bilak, a Slovak, was named as successor to Mr Alexander Dubcek as Slovak party chief when Mr Dubcek took over as Contmunist Party chief from Antonin Novotny and ushered in the Prague Spring.

The other men detained were Mr Rudolf Hegenbart, the former head of the Central Committee's "state administration department" which ran the StB, the secret police, Mr Michal Stefanak, Mr Bilak's successor as head of the party's foreign depart-ment, and Mr Josef Lennart, a

former Politburo member Mr Hegenbart has been suspected of being one of the organizers of a suspected musch attempt last November 17 that turned instead into the revolution and threw the Communists from power.

enced and split," Mrs Tamara Mr Jakes presided over the purges of the Communist from nearby Frantiskovsky Party in the years of neo-Stalinist normalization after Lazne (Franzensbad), says. "Here they are for nuclear the invasion. Mr Bilak was power, but in the south they one of the first to be stripped are against it. The Forum has friends in America and Mosof his membership by the of the revolution and was expelled from the party in

February. The only senior party figure to be detained previously was Mr Miroslav Stepan, the Prague party boss at the time of the revolution and the man suspected of giving the order to beat students in the November 17 demonstration.

Mr Bilak was held on Tuesday in the Slovak capital Bratislava, a spokesman for the Slovak Interior Minister said. Mr Lennart, Mr Stefanak and Mr Jakes were detained in the Prague region in a coordinated police action, the

Interior Ministry said. The timing of their detention may also have been connected with President Havel's one-day visit to Moscow for a Warsaw Pact meeting.

Mr Dubcek, now chairman of the Federal Assembly, vis-ited Moscow at the head of a delegation to demand documents about the invasion.

Meanwhile, Civil Forum announced that it had removed an unspecified number of people from its list of election candidates because they were suspected of having been secret police informers.

Social charter fails its first EC hurdle From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

the Social Charter, the Euro-pean Commission yesterday of the part-time jobs created in was forced to postpone its first directive based on it after heated disagreement among the 17 commissioners over the legality and need for the proposed measure. Mrs Vasso Papandreou, the

Commissioner for Social Affairs, was ordered to redraft a plan to force employers to offer part-time workers the same social benefits as fulltime employees and pay them the same pro rata rates. She was also instructed at a stormy meeting of the Commission to find better justification for her proposal to implement the measure by majority vote

The setback brings immediate comfort to Britain, which fiercely opposes the measure opponents to veto it.

IN A setback to proponents of and claims the drastic increase recent years. Britain can also take comfort from the fact that it is not alone in its opposition: West Germany, Denmark, and several other countries are also aghast at Mrs Papandreou's plans.

Sir Leon Brittan, the principal opponent in the Commission of the Social Charter, and several of his colleagues argued that Brussels could not legitimately base the directive on a treaty clause dealing with the implementation of the Single Market, which allows majority voting. Instead, they said, it was clearly a measure dealing with social protection, and should therefore be approved by all member states unanimously, thus enabling

Highest-paid spy jailed for life

sergeant, said to have been the West, received a life sentence yesterday from the civil court in Koblenz for "the worst case of high treason" reported to the Federal Prosecutor's Of-fice in West Germany.

The court was told that Clyde Lee Conrad was paid at least DM 2.2 million (£800,000) by the communist former Hungarian and Czechoslovak governments be-tween 1975 and 1985 for military secrets which could have put West Germany at risk and endangered the 250,000 US troops stationed here.

A professional soldier from Bergholz, Ohio, he had joined the Army in 1965 and was transferred to the 8th Infantry Division based in Bad Kreuznach, near Mainz, in 1980, when he became the trusted document custodian in charge of a confidential archive which contained secret defence plans for West German

Some of the plans he had access to had the top grading of "cosmic secret" and concerned American nuclear

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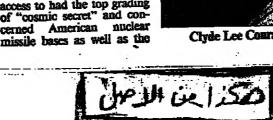


Rebmann said. Conrad retired from the Army in 1985 and stayed on in the Federal Republic with his German wife. He lived in some style and continued to sell information gleaned from his contacts still in the Army. He even tried to recruit other US servicemen to work as agents, succeeding once by paying a soldier more than DM 10,000.

He was eventually arrested in August, 1988, after a joint operation by West German, US and Swedish counterespionage agents. A month cartier he had made his last paid "delivery" to his Hungarian spymaster in Vienna.

The investigation showed that the eight members of the ring had specialized in gathering information from US servicemen and passing it on to the Hungarian secret service, which was acting as a

surrogate for the KGB. The case was heard in a West German civil court and not before an American military tribunal because Conrad was a civilian living in West Germany at the time of his



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Brazil offer

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From Louise Byrne in Rio de Janeiro

IN A significant change of pollution. The proceeds, policy, the Brazilian Government has said it is prepared to consider conversion of its foreign debt in return for making greater efforts to protect its rainforests.

Speaking from the vast wetland region on the borders with Bolivia and Paraguay, President Collor de Mello said Brazil was open to suggestions on so-called "debt-for-nature" swaps. These involve the buying up of part of a country's debt, usually by nature conservation groups, in return for preservation.

Such swaps were ruled out by Brazil under Senhor José Sarney, the former President who denounced an international campaign to take over Brazil's Amazon, and was supported by General Leonidas Pires Gonçalves, his Army Minister, who said: We won't allow any pussy-footing into the Amazon.

President Collor, who is in the middle of fresh negotiations over the country's foreign debt, appears however to have adopted a new attitude towards the need to reduce the country's \$115 billion (£68 billion) debt, and at the same time appease criticism of its environmental record.

Debt-for-nature swaps have taken place in several other Latin American countries, including Costa Rica and Ecuador. Brazil, with the Third World's largest debt and two million square miles of Amazon rainforest, has long been another obvious candidate for debt conversion.

However, negotiations are likely to be painful, Brazilians are still extremely sensitive about international pressure on environment issues which they see as a potential threat to their sovereignty. Recent rumours that a Japanese company was interested in paying off the country's debt in return for mining rights in the Amazon were rejected outright.

Even if agreement is reached on a debt-for-nature conversion, the Government practical problems on environmental protection. Thousands of gold miners continue Athens. illegal invasions of Indian territories, and the burning of failed," Signor Ripa di Meana forest for dubious or half-said "The solution cannot be

ronment Day, President Col- introduction of electric cars lor repeated his proposal that was not enough and he recom-an international tax be levied mended toll systems limiting on developed countries which contribute most to industrial Oslo and Singapore.

said, could be used to help Third World countries make greater environmental protection efforts.

BRUSSELS: Europe's cities are being destroyed by pollution, traffic congestion and the loss of their heritage, but building more urban motorways would only add to the crisis, the Community's **Environment Commissione** said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

Unveiling a green paper on possible EC directives to save Europe's cities, Signor Carlo Ripa di Meana said traffic in cities such as London was now a "nightmare". But more roads would only suck in more traffic, Instead he urged British ministers, and those in other EC states, to look at better public transport and toll systems limiting access to city

centres for private motorists. His comments came on the eve of an important environment council in Luxembourg, where Britain will come under strong pressure to speed up its planned reduction of pollutants and greenhouse gases.

Signor Ripa di Meana put forward a broad urban action plan for public discussion in the months leading up to a conference in London next March, when Brussels will publish its proposals for drastic laws to curb traffic, pollution and waste.

Among the paper's suggestions are energy conservation measures, the recycling of urban waste, better town planning with EC-wide minimum standards, plans for open spaces in cities, road pricing systems and large-scale improvements in public transport.

He said traffic was one of the most dramatic problems facing Europe. There were more than 120 million cars on EC roads, 379 cars for every 1,000 inhabitants. This figure was set to increase by 35 per cent over the next 20 years.

Cars were responsible for 90 per cent of carbon dioxide emissions in urban areas. will face internal logistical and Dangerous pollution levels were regularly exceeded in cities such as Milan and

"The city as motorway has hearted agricultural projects to increase the capacity of has vet to cease.

to increase the capacity of motorways." He said a cut in Speaking on World Envi- emission standards and the city access such as those in

Doctor's role in suicide attacked

From Susan Ellicott in New York

a woman with Alzheimer's explained what he was about disease. Dr Jack Kevorkian, to do. an advocate of euthanasia who has often clashed with orthodox medical opinion, connected Mrs Janet Adkins, aged 54, to a home-made machine dispensing a lethal intravenous solution.

ian said he assisted to draw attention to his invention and force other doctors to rec-ognize the "right to die". overstepped the increasingly hazy boundaries permitted by their profession. Even the Hemlock Society, America's most prominent pro-cuthanasia group, which has sup-ported the principle behind Dr Kevorkian's machine, appeared to hold reservations about its use on Mrs Adkins, having under six months to Adkins pressed the button live and had not made a

written request to die. State lawyers in Michigan have said that they will try to curb any future use by Dr Kevorkian of his machine, which he unveiled amid controversy last autumn and began promoting in press interviews. Prosecutors were waiting for the results of a post-mortem examination before deciding whether to pros-

ecute the physician. Mrs Adkins, a former Eng-lish teacher who was diagnosed as having the disabling disease last year, saw one of the newspaper articles and sought the doctor's help rather than suffer further memory lapses that had disrupted her playing of the piano and reading. Alzheimer's is incurable and affects as many as one in 60 people, causing degenerative damage to the

brain and lapses of memory. The retired doctor, aged 62, set up his suicide device on Monday in his rusty 1968 Volkswagen van at a local camp site in a suburb 40 miles north of Detroit after owners for transplants.

AMERICAN doctors and law- and landlords of various fuyers tussled yesterday over the neral homes, motels and ethics of a retired pathologist's empty offices refused to let role this week in the suicide of him use their space when he

> Under Michigan law, his suicide device is not illegal and the state does not categorically ban suicides assisted by doctors. Some medical experts have

said, however, that Dr Many medical experts think Kevorkian violated the the suicide, which Dr Kevork- American Medical Association code of ethics, which allows its members to hait or reduce treatment of terminally ill patients but not actively to help people end their lives.

Dr Kevorkian said he realized he risked arrest for his decision but he did not commit murder because Mrs Adkins herself pushed a button which released a combination of lethal drugs into her arm. He dripped a harmless saline solution into her arm since she was not diagnosed as for about a minute until Mrs which switched to thiopental and then potassium chloride. The first chemical induced unconsciousness and the second stopped the patient's heart within six minutes. Moments before she died, Dr Kevorkian said, Mrs Adkins turned toward him and

thanked him several times. Mrs Adkins visited Dr Kevorkian last weekend with her husband and her best friend from Portland, Oregon, where state laws governing assisted suicides are tighter than Michigan's. Mr Adkins said he supported his wife's decision, although her three grown sons did not. No family members witnessed her death.

Dr Kevorkian has faced criticism from the American medical community on several occasions during his professional life. He proposed that blood be transferred from dead soldiers on battlefields to save injured colleagues.

More recently, he called for the execution of Death Row prisoners in such a way that their organs were preserved



An armed anti-terrorism squad of the Italian finance police, who will be deployed with the carabinieri and the national guard to prevent disorder during the football World Cup starting this week, conducting an airborne exercise on a beach near Pomezia, south of Rome

ump caught out cashing in on a few cents

From Susan Ellicott IN NEW YORK

JUST as Mr Donald Trump is reeling from a class-action lawsuit by investors suffering from a downturn in his forume, along comes New York's satirical Spy Magazine with a wizard wheeze and names him one of America's top skinflints,

Things must be pretty rough for the flamboyant real-estate developer, concludes the monthly famous for its pranks on society's rich and famous, because The Donald recently cashed a

cheque for 13 cents (7.5p). In fact, Spy says, Mr Trump and Mr Adnan shoggi, the millionaire currently on trial in Manhattan with Mrs Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady of the Philippines, were the only two of 58 "well-known, well-heeled Americans" who cashed in cheques for the tiny amount sent to their home addresses in a "sting" operation.

The magazine's July issue describes its reporting methods for a cover story entitled "Who is America's cheapest zillionaire?" as "a mortifying experiment in comparative chintziness".

Musing about whether truly rich people check the coin slot of public telephones for forgotten coins or hunt down special offers in supermarkets, Spy formed a company, the National Refund Clearinghouse, and opened a checking account. It then sent out cheques for \$1.11 to 58 famous names with a covering letter explaining the firm was correcting an over-charging error detected in its computer records.

To the undisguised giee of the magazine's accountancy correspondent, 26 of the famous names, including Mr Trump, Mr Khashoggi, Cher, Mia Farrow, Shirley MacLaine, Michael Douglas and Mr Rupert Murdoch, took the time to read the letter and cashed their cheques.

Spy then sent out second cheques for 64 cents (barely 40p) to compensate for a second alleged computer error. Thirteen people cashed them, including Mr Trump, Mr Khashoggi, Cher, Mr Murdoch, Mr Harry Helmsley, Mike Nichols and John Kluge. Finally, Spy sent out a cheque for 13 cents. Mr Khashoggi and Mr Trump were the only two figures to sign their cheque.

Curbs on released Singapore lawyer

From M.G.G. PILLAI IN KUALA LUMPUR

THE Singapore Government has released Miss Teo Soh Lung, aged 39, a dissident lawyer, from preventive detention, but under conditions that make it impossible for her to return to normal life.

Miss Teo cannot leave Singapore, address public gatherings, issue statements, or join any organization without permission. She cannot be interviewed either. In Malaysia and Singapore, which have similar preventive detention laws, released detainees can be subject to such restrictions for five years or more.

Some Singaporean detainees have spent years in exile on one of Singapore's smaller islands. The restrictions are lifted only when the authorities are satisfied that they have "reformed".

Miss Teo was among those arrested nearly two years ago when Singapore cracked down on Roman Catholic activists and others for alleged involvement in liberation theology and pro-communist activities. The arrests raised an international storm, which Singapore ignored.

Miss Teo was not tried; the law does not require a trial. Along with most of the other activists, she was released within months of detention, but she was re-arrested when she continued to inveigh against her detention and insist that she was not procommunist The government statement

at the weekend did not indicate whether she would be allowed to return to her law practice. Some dissident lawvers have been allowed to do so after a period in local-level government jobs. Her family



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Policy shift in Ethiopia opens way to peace talks

THE Ethiopian Government, its Army locked in fierce fighting with Eritrean rebels, has signalled a key policy shift which could open the way to full-scale peace talks on ending Africa's longest civil war.

The Government of President Mengistu said in a state-ment that it would allow the United Nations to act as observer to peace negotiations with the Eritrean People's Liberation Front

"This is an enormous breakthrough. It is extremely important in unblocking the current logiam and getting the talks going," one Western diplomat said.

After exploratory talks last year the front, which is fighting for independence for the Red Sea province of Eritrez, said it would not attend further talks on ending the 28year war unless the United Nations agreed to send observers. The peace process, chaired by the former US President, Mr Jimmy Carter,

Bus attack kills 18 in Karachi

Karachi - Gunmen shot dead 18 people in Karachi yesterday shortly before the start of talks to end Mohajir-Sindhi violence which has claimed more than 170 lives in two weeks (Zahid Hussain writes).

The attack, on a bus carrying workers to a cement factory, was the worst in the Sind provincial capital for several days.

School raided

Paris - Vandals broke into a high school in Gien, 75 miles south of Paris, and painted swastikas on the walls and left behind blood-soaked human bones. The raid was reminiscent of a wave of recent neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic vandalism across France. (AP)

Drug testing

Sydney - Esso Australia said it will introduce random drug and alcohol tests for workers in July, prompted by the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska and a US corporate any more," a front spokesman trend. (Reuter)

Tamil victory

Colombo - The Sri Lankan Government, granting a demand from the Tamil Tigers, said it would dissolve the provincial council in the Tamil-dominated North-East and organize fresh elections. (Reuter)

Embassy opens

Paris - France will reopen its week, more than a year after most foreign missions in Kabul were closed, because security has improved. (Reuter)

King improves

Oslo - King Olav of Norway, at 86 the world's oldest head of state, was reported to be improving in hospital after suffering a stroke and pneumonia (Reuter)

Amazon crash

São Paulo - An aircraft with 43 passengers on board Crashed in the Amazon region of Brazil, killing 16 people. (Reuter)

Diplomats said that it left open the possibility of the port coming under interim UN control.

and co-chaired by Tanzania's former President, Mr Julius Nyerere, ground to a halt when the United Nations said it could not attend unless invited by the Ethiopian

Although the Government maintained it had no objection to UN participation, it did not formally invite the world body to join the other chosen observers - the Organization of African Unity, Zimbabwe, Senegal Sudan, Kenya and Tanzania.

But the government state-ment said: The Government ... has taken additional measures outside the procedures originally agreed on for the conduct of the preliminary talks to enable the UN to serve as an observer in the sub-

stantive negotiations. The statement, which did not elaborate on the plan, was issued late on Tuesday after two days of intensive meeting among Ethiopia's military leadership, diplomats said.

They said the Government's new position, which surprised analysts in the Ethiopian capital, appeared linked to reports of a deteriorating military situtation around the Eritrean capital,

claimed major victories over the key Red Sea port of Masawa in February and whose only link between As-mara and Addis Ababa is by

"I think this new position has come about because of the military situation as much as because of external pressure," a Western diplomat said.

The Soviet Union, for years Ethiopia's main military supplier, has reportedly been pressing President Mengistu to negotiate an end to wars both with the Eritrean front and with another rebel group in the north, the Tigre People's Liberation Front.

The Eritrean front which called last month for a UNsponsored referendum to decide the future of Eritrea, was dismissive of the Government's new stance, saying it had come too late.

"I do not think we are interested in this. We cannot in play hide-and-seek with them in London said.

"This new statement is not a change of heart. It is just more manoeuvring, delaying tactics," he said, but declined to say if the Eritreans would actually refuse to attend fresh

The capture of Masawa was a big blow to President Mengista. At a stroke, it cut off the main route for food aid for up to 4.5 million people facing starvation - half of whom are believed to be in

International aid agencies fear that, if the fighting around Asmara intensifies, relief efforts will be further disrupted and a catastrophic famine matching that of 1984-1985 may result.

"Whether there is a major famine depends on two factors
— war and rain. If there is peace, there is no real threat." said Mr Chris Mason, of the

British-based charity, Oxfam. In Tuesday's statement, the Government also agreed to allow the use of Masawa to bring in food supplies for

famine victims.

Britain gets tough on African aid

By MICHAEL KNIPE AND ANDREW MCEWEN

A VEILED warning to African Programme, the main UN governments to introduce development arency-more democracy, increase If improvements were not public accountability and pay made, Britain would have to greater respect to market principles if they wished to receive foreign aid, was issued yes-terday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

With the increased competition for aid, donors were now less likely to ignore its relative effectiveness, said Mr Hurd. It had to go where it could do most good. Too many of Africa's resources had been dissipated by war, bad management and cor-ruption, he added.

This new British hard line on aid was also emphasized in a sharp attack yesterday by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, on the management of UN development agencies. In a speech in Geneva she said capeta us to support their folly there was "troubling and ris-ing dissatisfaction" with their work. She also told The Times tries was strikingly different that her aim was to bring from that of South-East Asian about immediate manage states, which although less ment improvement in the well-endowed had advanced United Nations Development rapidly in the past decade.

consider whether the money it contributes could be used better by channelling it through other agencies.

Mr Hurd did not single out any African country. A similar approach has been voiced by the United States.

Foreign aid was increasingly likely to be considered in the light of certain criteria, Mr Hurd said. "Countries tending towards pluralism, public accountability, respect for the rule of law, human rights and market principles should be encouraged," be added.

"Governments who persis with repressive policies, with with scarce aid.

The plight of African coun-



lay outside the Indian commission on the sixth High Commission on the sixth ampiversary of Operation Blue Star, when the Indian authorities stormed the Golden Temple at Amritsar in Punjab to drive out separatist militants and 1,000 people died.

Indian police yesterday scaled off the temple and detained 400 Sikhs in an attempt to thwart wrotests.

attempt to thwart protests (Our Foreign Stuff writes).
Police said they took youth leaders and politicians, including Mr Simranjit Single Mann, an MP, into prevention. More than 2 000 detention. More than 2,000 police and para-military troops, many armed with automatic weapons, stopped all vehicles at entrances to the city, near the Pakistan border.

Rebels poised to take Monrovia

Patriotic Front of Liberia were preparing yesterday for a final assault on Monrovia after taking control of Firestone Plantation, the world's biggest rubber plantation, and the main towns near Robertsfield. Liberia's only international airport.

US Embassy personnel con-firmed that the rebels had captured the towns of Harbel and Owensgrove and would probably consolidate these gains before moving against Monrovia. The rebels are now thought to control Roberts-

REBEL forces of the National field, 35 miles east of the capital. One US official said that the mood in Monrovia was apprehensive, with shops virtually empty of provisions, most schools closed, and people staying at work for only a couple of hours each day.

Members of the Krahn and Mandingo tribes, from which President Doe of Liberia draws support, fear reprisal killings if the mainly Gio and Mano rebels enter the capital. Many have escaped to the north-eastern Grand Gedeh

However, there are no im-

mediate plans to send in the US Martnes, who are standing by in a six-ship task force off the Liberian coast, because expatriates are not believed to be in imminent danger, the US official said.

Meanwhile, the chief mili-

rebels apparently fired on a lorry in which he was riding, believing it to be part of an and I'm proud of it army convoy. The Liberian reporters yesterday.

renewed fighting in Grand Geden county. The rebels are under strict instructions from Mr Taylor to avoid damaging foreign property. He wants to con-

tary adviser to Mr Charles Taylor, the rebels' leader, was yesterday reported missing and feared dead by rebels after a clash with government troops fleeing Monrovia. The

"I just happen to be a diehard, cold-blooded capitalist, and I'm proud of it," he told

vince Western business

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be jeopardized by a National

Patriotic Front government.

nounced on Tuesday night that Mr Johnson died during

Natal test for de Klerk reforms

From GAVIN BELL

THE South African Government faced the first electoral test of its reform policies yesterday in a parliamentary by-election regarded as a barometer of white opinion on the dismantling of apartheid.

The poil in the Natal constituency of Umlazi is the first since President de Klerk launched his reform initiatives last September and began peace talks with the African National Congress a few months later.

The conventional wisdom is that the ruling National Party will retain the seat with a reduced majority. Analysts believe the Nationalists have been losing support to the Conservatives, but gaining the confidence of the liberal Democrats, which may pre-sage a close result.

Mr Con Botha, who was Mr Con Botna, who was recently appointed Administrator of Natal, held the Umlazi seat in last September's general election with a majority of 2,835. Despite substantial gains in other provinces, however, the Con-servatives failed to win a seat in the largely English-speaking Natal.

 Police raid: The ANC pro-tested over police raids on two houses belonging to Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC's deputy president, in Soweto at dawn yesterday.

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Police said that they were searching for a murder suspect, who was not connected with the Mandela family, and that people looking after the properties co-operated "in a good spirit". The suspect was not found.

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Setback for UK-Iran hopes as Rushdie threat is reaffirmed

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of enmity towards Islam as a

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The news conference in

Tehran was manipulated by

Mr Rafsanjani's aides, who

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threat to the author's life.

religion.

Iran yesterday restated his jani has struck upon the wish for a resumption of stratagem that the Rushdie diplomatic relations with affair is a religious quarrel Britain, but appeared to between all the world's Musimmediately quash the possi-bility by saying that the death offending individual on the sentence passed on Salman other. This assumes that Kho-Rushdie, the novelist - the meini's order to kill a British the main cause of the rift subject on British soil does not between the two countries last amount to international teryear - would remain in force. rorism, which it clearly does,

Addressing foreign and and when Britain protects its Iranian reporters in Tehran, subject from potential assasafter a week of mourning to mark the first anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic state who pronounced the fatwa on Mr Rushdie, he said that, in principle, Iran had no difficulty in restoring relations with Britain, and that both countries desired a normalization of ties.

"If Mrs Thatcher condemns Rushdie's novel", he added, there will remain no problem on the way of a resumption of ties, but we have no right to withdraw the late imam's fatwa. It stays as it is".

The Foreign Office in London had no immediate comment on the statement, but President Rafsanjani's remarks are bound to strengthen the impression abroad that he remains vulnerable to pressure from Islamic extremists on the fringes of his Government. These include Aya-tollah Ali Khamenei, the nominal leader of the state, who called on Britain on Tuesday to hand Mr Rushdie over to British Mushims "so

PRESIDENT Rafsanjani of tics said yesterday: "Rafsan- the United States to act, if they want to solve the hostage problem," the Iranian leader said. "We expected a favourable reply. I can say we did not

> He devoted the bulk of the session to his readiness to meet President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to conclude a peace agreement between the two countries.

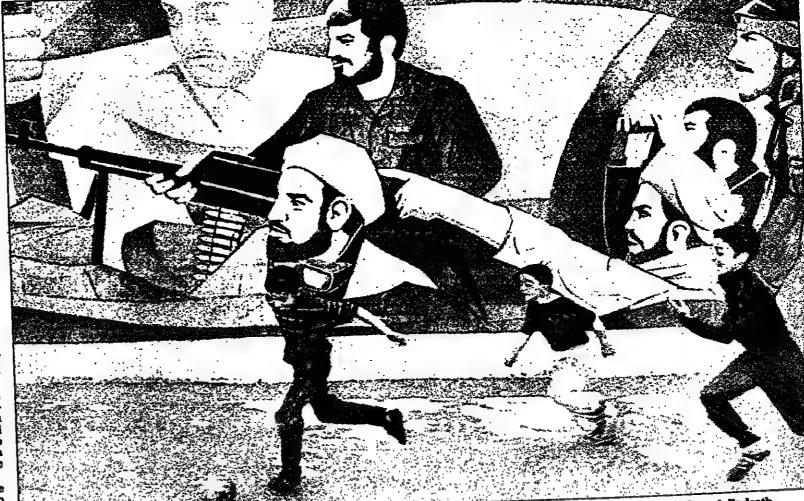
"We have not given a negative reply to Iraq's proposal calling for a meeting of the two heads of state," President Rafsanjani said.

"But issues must be sorted out in preliminary negotiaa formal announcement by the tions at expert level and in Iranian Government that it consultations with the United Nations Secretary-General to guarantee the success of such a meeting, if there is going to be

But he added that the ernmental organizations, such as the Foundation for the declaration of the recent Arab summit in Baghdad that Iraq Deprived in Tehran, have had full sovereignty over the announced rewards amount-Shatt al Arab waterway at the ing to several million pounds head of the Gulf had "shaken for a successful assassination of Rushdie," the observer said. "These would have to be Iran's confidence" in the Iraqi leader's intentions. lifted, too. But the organi-

Sovereignty of the waterway remains the main stumbling block to talks which have been stalemated since 1988. A 15year-old international treaty gives the countries joint sovereignty over the waterway.

President Rafsanjani said he had turned down an offer by Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, to mediate between Iran and Iraq. Mi Arafat's letter had come with one from President Saddam. and emphasized the issues



Children playing in Tehran again yesterday after the end of a mourning period marking the first anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's death

Students set free in China

From Catherine Sampson

CHINESE authorities yesterday released 97 people imprisoned for their involvement in last year's student-led demonstrations, including two students originally on the list of 21 most wanted dissidents. These are the first publicized releases of anyone on that list.

The official Xinhua new agency referred to all 97 as "lawbreakers", and said they had "pleaded guilty and vol-untarily confessed their wrongdoings and expressed a willingness to repent". The agency described their release as an act of government leniency. It did not explain why they had been held for 11 months without trial.

Some of those released has voluntarily surrendered to the authorities, the agency said. One of the two students from the most wanted list is Xiong Wei, aged 25, an electronics student from Qinghus University, who was persuaded by his mother to surrender. Xhou Fengsho, aged 24, a physics condent also from Omehus University, had been informed on by his sister.

Since last June the Government has encouraged people to inform on family members. But ordinary Chinese say the number of such informa has dropped because of widespread sympathy for prodemocracy demonstrators. Reflecting this, only a third of the 21 on the original most wanted list were ever arrested by police.

About 784 people were freed in January and May, suggesting that police investigations are now nearing an end, and that those who are being blamed for the counter-revolutionary rebel-

lion" will soon go on trial. Meanwhile, three dissidents who disappeared last Thursday, just before they were due to give a press conference calling for the release of all political prisoners, have still not reappeared.

• HONG KONG: Chinese officials complained to the British Government after a shot was fired into the window of a building belonging to the New China News Agency (Jonathan Braude writes). The agency houses Peking's de facto consulate in Hong Kong.

Stopgap Kaifu rides wave of popularity

MR TOSHIKI Kaifu, who had greatness thrust on him last autumn when he was given the job of Japanese Prime Minister, for want of anyone more suitable, has become something of a political rags-to-riches story. An opinion poll by the Kyodo news agency shows him to be the most popular leader since it began such surveys in 1964.

Some analysts suggest that Mr Kaifu, forced by his weak domestic power base to look for friends abroad, is reaping the rewards of having injected a more international flavour into Japan's stuffy politics. Mr Kaifu barely seems to have enough time to unpack his suitcases before heading off somewhere else. He has toured Europe and Asia and made the obligatory (for Japa-nese Prime Ministers) pil-

grimage to the United States. His approach happened to coincide with a new wave of thinking among Foreign Min-istry bureaucrais, who decided the time had come for Japan to play a bisser role on the world stage. Japan's move to bost Cambodian peace talks in - signalled its desire to have a scandal-free - a rarity in the public has little say in an international peace broker say in developments in Asia. Japanese politics — and he is

an energetic drum beater. He The negotiations, boycotted by the Khmer Rouge, brought a joint call for a ceasefire from Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the resistance leader, and Mr Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of the Vietnamese-backed

Government in Phnom Penh. Mr Kaifu's decision to tour Eastern Europe soon after taking office was meant to show that Japan is no longer happy just to write the cheques, but wants a say in how the world evolves after the Cold War.

His biggest success has been in improving relations with Washington, which were fraying over trade. US demands easier access for its exporters diverted attention away from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's domestic prob-lems and gave Mr Kaifu a chance to prove himself with the electorate. Many voters found they agreed with the American call to encourage more cheap US imports. Sweet words from President Bush about what a good job Mr Kaifu's bold leadership

was doing to strengthen Japan-America ties swelled the Prime Minister's popularity. Mr Kaifu appears to be whatever vot

speaks well — a relief after Mr Noboru Takeshita, whose vague delivery is said to have baffled even close advisers.

Another reason for Mr Kaifu's popularity was re-vealed in yesterday's Kyodo poll. Although 63 per cent of respondents said they approved of his performance, 31.9 per cent said they did so only because "there is no one else". Most of the LDP's leaders are still recovering from their involvement in the Recruit bribery scandal.

The poll's results are awkward for the party elders, who had not expected Mr Kaifu to last so long. He is even more popular than Mr Yasubiro Nakasone, who was probably lapan's best-known Prime Minister abroad until Mr Takeshita and Mr Sosuke Uno, who was involved in a geisha scandal, managed to make their names familiar to the world last year.

While the LDP's elders will let Mr Kaifu rule for the time being, they are fighting over his successor already. They also know that, however popular he may be abroad and

for boat people to leave Cam-bodia. The best way of doing that is achieving a peace settlement in Cambodia." On Indonesia's Galang island, just south of Singapore, facilities are at breaking point, with about 1,500 Cambodians having joined 13,000 Vietnamese refugees.

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Refugees

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From ROBERT COCKBURN

AUSTRALIA is preparing for a new wave of Asian boat people for the first time in 10

years — Cambodian refugees who are risking longer and more hazardous sea voyages

to escape renewed fighting in

their country.
Officials said yesterday the

believed Australia was now

the most attractive destina-

tion for Cambodian refugees

who wanted to avoid deten-

tion in Indonesia's chronically

over-crowded camps. As the

annual "sailing season" for the boat people gets under way, the Department of For-

eign Affairs in Canberra said

that three boatloads of Cam-

bodians have already made journeys of some 2,000 miles

to get here.

A ministry spokesman de-nied reports that Indonesia

was turning back refugee boats.

and forcing them to continue on to Australia after Mr Neal

Blewett, Australia's acting Foreign Minister, had an

emergency meeting with the

Indonesian Foreign Minister

in Jakarta. Mr Blewett said

yesterday: "Both Indonesia

interest in reducing incentives

Australian immigration officials suspect dealers are selfing passages to Australia for up to \$Aus 2,000 (£900). Cambodian boat people reaching Australian waters are held in a camp 25 miles south of Darwin in the Northern Territory. There they live in army camps surrounded by barbed wire while the Government considers whether or not

to accept them. The Darwin camp has reached its capacity. An immigration official said: "It is an emergency camp. We'll be

moving them."
Meanwhile, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, yesterday announced provisions for Chinese students to stay on in Australia after the crackdown on pro-democracy supporters in China.



The go-between: Mr Kaifa, right, greeting Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian resistance, in Tokyo yesterday after hosting talks with Phnom Penh

TOKYO NOTEBOOK by Joe Joseph

Fate of British beef feeds Japanese pride

n Japan, where cattle are fed on oats and beer and are massaged by their owners, there has been a bout of "I told you so" sneering at the fate of the British and their mad cows. Japanese television crews have descended on "the beef-loving British" and those of us who thought we had as much chance of seeing Mr Gummer on our Tokyo TV screens as hearing Dan Maskell commentating on the sumo have suddenly become reacquainted with our Agriculture Minister and his daughter.

The Japanese seem to pity the poor British, who have to eat unpampered cows, and feel this confirms the superiority of Japanese beef and the silliness of US pressure for Japan to buy meat from abroad. The Japanese have long argued that their uniqueness prevented them from importing everything from beef (not digestible for Japanese intestines) to French skis (do not grip on Japan's unique snow).

Now that they have been forced by Washington's trade bullies to allow American beef into Japanese kitchens, Japanese meat companies have begun buying up cattle ranches in the US and Australia to ensure that Japan imports beef raised the Japanese way and, of course, that

Japanese companies keep their

profits. But massaging and cosseting do not come cheap. The most prized Japanese beef, from Matsuzaka cows, is finely marbled with fat, like a very small-scale but detailed road map, and sells for 7,000 yen per 100 grams, or £120 a pound. Cheapskates willing to settle for slightly lesser quality can get by for half that. r apanese have always taken their food seriously: a feast for the

eyes as well as for the palette, they like to say, although a few strips of raw tuna lounging on a twig of cherry blossom does not always adequately feast Western stomachs.

Now, splashing out at Western restaurants is the latest fad for rich Japanese who have run out of wrist space for Rolexes. The extravagant ones go on pricy gourmet tours of Europe, but they are beginning to bristle at the two-faced welcome they have been receiving.

Let the Nihon Kezai Shimbun, Japan's financial daily, explain: Often appearing in brochures

touting gourmet tours are the words A gorgeous separate dining room has been specially prepared for our Japanese guests'. But all is not as it seems on the surface. Some travel

industry people say that, recently, Japanese gourmets have started showing up at first-class European hotels and restaurants.

"Their atrocious table manners have prompted these establishments to set up separate dining rooms for Japanese patrons. They clap when the food is served. They snap pictures like cameras were going out of fashion. Generally, they make it difficult for other guests to enjoy their meals - thus the separate TOOMS."

ack in Tokyo, bar owners and restaurateurs are always looking for new ways to satisfy the Japanese appetite for novelty. Mock Venetian palazzi go up overnight: at one Tokyo bar you can ski, indoors, between drinks. Perhaps the most arresting of the latest crop is a bar which has picked the Olympic Games as its theme. The year it has chosen is 1936, presumably because Berlin is hip with young Japanese at the moment. But there is something cerie about sipping cold lager in central Tokyo amid the Nazi German décor of Hitler's games.

D ecause this Olympic bar Berves Suntory beer, you can be sure that few of its patrons will come from, say, Mitsubishi, the

giant trading firm, or Sumitomo Bank, Mitsubishi employees drink Kirin beer and Sumitomo salary-men gulp Asahi. The reason? Japanese workers have intense loyalty to firms affiliated with their own. These webs of affiliated companies, known as keiretsu, drive foreign traders up the wall because Japanese companies prefer to do business within the web, even if the prices are higher. This loyalty is so powerful that one Japanese hotelier boasts: You cannot call yourself a real hotel man unless you can tell what a guest's favourite brand of beer is simply from the company he works

apan may have lessons for Britain's hard-hit steelmakers as well as for its cattle ranchers. Before British Steel puts Ravenscraig in mothballs, it should look at how Japanese steelmakers have put redundant workers to use by diversifying out of steel. NKK, Japan's second biggest steelmaker, for example, has put ex-steelmen to work on a pig farm. They sell bacon and sausages from the farm to stores and to a restaurant they have opened. If nothing else, Ravenscraig's best should be able to weld the crusts on to British Rail meat pies.



Making good the Lords

John Grigg

he Lords' rejection of the War Crimes Bill has re-awakened debate on the future of the second chamber, already a general election issue, as the Labour Party is at least theoretically committed to replacing it with an elected body. Drastic reform is certainly overdue, but would an all-elected chamber be best? If the mode of election were still first-past-the-post, the new body would reinforce the faults of the present system. If it were elected on a more truly reprewould be greater than that of the House of Commons, which could hardly be expected to vote for the

creation of such a rival.

Besides, there are great advantages in being able to bring into Parliament some people who would never offer themselves as political candidates. Governments have benefited from the occasional recruit from outside politics (eg Lord Woolton), and the value of such recruits to Parliament as a whole is obvious. Few would deny that the chief merit of the existing House of Lords is the presence in it of eminent figures from almost every department of national life.

The House currently has two crippling flaws. The first, long recognized, is its basically hereditary character. As Nancy Astor pertinently asked, who would think of having hereditary cricket teams? All the arguments put forward in support of the auto-matic right of hereditary peers to sit in Parliament are de-monstrably false or at best spe-cious. It is said that hereditary peers are more independent than those who are nominated. But independence is a quality of mind and character that a privileged background does not, by itself, confer. There have ever been servile party hacks among the hereditary peers. Another argument is that the hereditary pecrage is more representative, since it is a random group, rather like a jury. But juries are far more broadly based, socially and economically, than the hereditary peerage.

It is further argued that for politics, as for horse-racing, breeding counts, and that there are political families, as there are musical, medical and sporting families. But the British second chamber is just about the only sphere in which bereditary talent does not have to prove itself in action. A racehorse, however good

its breeding, has to race.
Finally, there is the contention that only by the hereditary process can youth be brought into the second chamber. This is a fallacy; younger members could be introduced by a much better method. The age-balance certainly needs to be rectified, since the next most rious flaw in the existing Hom of Lords is its markedly ancient character. This has been made far worse by the Life Peerages Act of 1958, for most life peers are appointed in the late afternoon or early evening of their lives.

So what would be a sensible way of reforming the second chamber? For a start, hereditary membership should be abolished in principle, though it might be thought right for a limited number to be elected to sit by their colleagues, as used to be the practice with the Scottish peers before they were all admitted in 1963. The bulk of British peers would thus be de-prived of their seats in Parliament, while becoming free, like Irish peers, to vote in parliamentary elections and to stand for the House of Commons.

Life perages also should be abolished in principle, though exceptions might be made in a few outstanding cases. As a general rule it must be unwise to make appointments for life. I would not, however, suggest the substitution of an arbitrary retiring age. Appointment of most peers should be for a set term: say, 10 years. One advantage among many of this reform would be to facilitate the appointment of younger people. At present there is an understandable reluctance to confer life-membership upon even the most gifted men or women in

their thirties or early forties. The ex-officio category of peers present this consists of only the 26 senior bishops of the Church of England. Why not admit the leaders of other religious denominations? Though Lord Jakobovits is a life people his complete it is a life peer in his own right, it would be better for there to be exofficio membership of the second chamber for the Chief Rabbi, the Cardinal Archbishop of West-minster and other significant religious figures, Christian and non-Christian, including a represent-

ative of the Islamic community.
For lay office-holders there is of course even more abundant scope. The governor of the Bank of England, the general secretary of the TUC, the president of the Royal Society and the chairman of the National Trust are just a few who come to mind. The beauty of ex-officio membership is that it can bring people into Parliament while they are doing jobs of national importance, but ensures that they do not clutter the place after vacating their jobs.

Members of a reformed House of Lords would not need to be lords in the titular sense, though some would be coincidentally. It is essential to distinguish between people ennobled for conspicuous public service and those merely appointed to serve in the second chamber. Moreover, the question of hereditary titles should be treated quite separately from that of hereditary membership of Parliament, which is of far greater

Yet even the best possible second chamber, with all the e that would belong to i should not press for increased powers. If the House of Commons were to remain the one all-elected chamber, as I believe it should, democracy would require that it should always have the last word.

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

remember an old cartoon in which the Thurber woman looks up at her man and says: "Ah yes, but you're you and I'm only me"; there is a lot

of that going on.

A Westminster Council Cleansing Department officer buzzed my buzzer one weekend to tell me that my black rubbish bag had no right to be on the pavement until Monday am, and if I did not mend my ways there would be a statutory fine. Some weeks later, when I put out the bag at dawn on the designated day, it remained in situ for 48 hours; there was no door on which I could beat a tattoo to get my own back. Restaurants, when you book

a table, now ask you for your name and address and telephone number - and the great and angry Nico Ladenis is reputed to demand the details of your credit card also - so the proper vengeance can be taken on those who fail to honour

Well, some time ago, I did all those proper things and confirmed the reservation on the day of the dinner, as they had suggested I should. When I arrived, the head waiter asked if I would care for a drink in the har and I said no, we will sit at our table. We could not sit at our table because there was no table vacant at which to sit. I asked the man for his name and address and telephone number and he was wholly uncooperative. He was him and I was

I have an excellent travel agent called David, an honest broker who finds me inexpen-sive flights when I want to go to Portugal and pluck lemons from the tree in our Algarve house. Prior to encountering him, I used to ring firms that advertised "Flights to Faro from £49" to discover that those flights had gone - would I like one at £168.50 plus airport tax? About six weeks ago David booked me a flight for next

Sunday evening, departing Gatwick 9pm, returning eight days later at 6 am. "Do they let flights depart Faro at 3.30 am?" I asked Evidently, said David. which could be why it only costs £99. I said OK, paid him and this Monday rang to ask for the flight number, because the car hire people needed it. David said he would get on to Avro Tours, the operating charterers and ring me back.

He rang back. Avro Tours, member of the Association of British Travel Agents and holder of an Air Travel Organizer's Licence, having advertised the flight and taken my money, found - possibly due to the 3.30am departure - that there was not much call for the excursion and cancelled it. David thought that because few people had booked, they had not bothered to announce the cancellation or tell the travel agents that they were in what is called "a non-flight situation". They had known about this for three weeks, said David, replete

with umbrage.
I asked whether ABTA and other important associations who had accorded them the dignity of membership would pay compensation

'No," said David, but having acquainted Avro of tny displeasure, they would exceptionally and without accepting liability be prepared to refund my money or find me another other flight on that Sunday evening; there is a British Airways scheduled flight the following morning, but the cost is more than they are prepared to pay...so it's me off to Stansted for an 11.45am departure on Monday, which means that the first day of my holiday said that if I'd not been me with a title and a column in a newspaper - I might not have found out until I'd got to Will ABTA and ATOL expel

"Heavens, no," said David;
"you have to be real villains to get expelled." Avro operates from Haydons Road, London SW19, which makes me realize that I should have written nice things about Citalia, who flew me to Naples with style and efficiency and astonishingly acceptable in-flight apple pic and cream last week. Should you go to Italy because you feel you have to watch the World Cup, look no further. If you fly Michael Evans on the words that must change as alliance leaders meet in Scotland today

Nato gropes for a jargon of peace

alliance to drop or temper the familiar terminology asso-ciated with 40 years of the cold war. Why, the argument goes, give up well proven principles and military or political strategies — and the language that goes with them — when they have helped to keep the peace in Europe? But the remification of Germany and the external security issues it raises for the Soviet Union and the Nato alliance demand a total change of

perspective and of language.

If Nato and the Warsaw Pact issue a special statement on Germany's future security role, as President Gorbachov proposed at the Washington summit, the choice of language will be a test case for East and West. Words will have to be found to satisfy all the groups with vested interests: the German people, Nato, Moscow, the Soviet military, Germany's East European neighbours. They will also have to satisfy Mr Gorbachov himself, for the Germany's and the satisfy of the Germany satisfy the Germany satisfy the Service of himself, for the Servic man question is a key part of his personal struggle to survive as Soviet leader.

Nato foreign ministers meeting in Scotland today will have to

It is difficult for a successful address this condundrum, and alliance to drop or temper the contemplate the ways in which the alliance can change its structure and organization so as to emerge more political and less military. Cold war language should have no part to play in the debate. Yet

Nato is still armed with the catchphrases that have served so well in the past: forward defence, flexible response, an appropriate mix of conventional and nuclear forces, and so on. In the short term (five years), there is no other logical strategy, for the Soviet Union remains a military superpower and Mr Gorbachov's moves to democracy are not irreversible.

But the reunification of Germany, which will go ahead what-ever fate befalls Mr Gorbachov, requires a comprehensive rethink of Nato's strategy for central Europe. And there may be a need to sacrifice such sacred cows as "flexible response" and "forward defence". This is partly because the East Germans will be unwilling to join an alliance that still smells of cold war militarism, but principally because if there is to be a new European security framework that is acceptable to everyone, existing operational concepts

formed, or scrapped. There is already evidence of

fresh thinking in Nato. The communiqué issued by its De-fence Planning Committee in Brussels two weeks ago predicted fundamental changes in the alliance's defence posture "in the longer term". The Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, acknowledged the West's changing attitude in an interview with Izvestia six days later.
The principles of Nato's strategy review will be outlined at the London summit next month, and

Defence Planning Committee communique, the Western alliance wants "a co-operative, not confrontational, approach to the challenges that lie ahead". Yet the prospect of a united

should help to convince the Soviet

leadership that, in the words of the

Germany being a member of Nato is still viewed by Moscow as a threat to the security of the Soviet Union. Moscow's sensitivities can be respected by synchronizing future developments. An expanded arms control programme, the transformation of Nato and the Warsaw Pact into co-operating and greater institutionalized involvement of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) all have to coincide.

The basic elements of a deal on Germany's security status were offered to the Soviet Union by President Bush at last week's summit. They include a pledge to keep Nato troops out of East Germany and to allow Soviet forces to stay put for a transitional period of up to five years. But to demonstrate that the West is prepared to take much bolder steps now that there is no longer a military threat from the Warsaw Pact, the alliance should be able to commit itself further, although only on certain conditions, which

need to be spelt out.

To the Bush package could be added a commitment to reduce the German Bundeswehr - by up to 20 per cent if Bonn agrees - and all other Nato forces in central Europe (including those of the United States) by 40-50 per cent. This could be synchronized with the withdrawal of the 380,000 Soviet troops from East Germany. A proportion, perhaps a third, of

withdrawals by both sides should

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be demobilized. In the same five-year period. negotiations on short-range, land-based nuclear forces in Europe should reduce tactical missiles and nuclear artillery shells to a mini-mum (200-300 warheads) on each

side, with a view to elimination in 10 years (the so-called third zero). Limiting the numbers of air-launched and sea-launched theatre nuclear missiles may also be on the agenda in the next five years, but Nato's planned replacement of old free-fall nuclear bombs with stand-off, medium-range missiles has to go ahead, and Moscow should be told that a "fourth zero" - elimination of air and sea-based missiles in Europe - cannot be contemplated while the Soviet Union remains such a significant military power.

These proposals can safely be offered, provided all Soviet troops leave Eastern Europe, that a treaty on conventional forces in Europe is signed and fully implemented. that the Soviet Union's democratic reforms are rigorously pur-sued, and that East-West relations

What on earth is Nanny doing in the letter-box?

wonder whether it might be possible to persuade Sir Gordon Borrie to shut up. I am not at all sure that we need an Office of Fair Trading at all; it was invented in the dying days of the last Labour government, which should be warning enough, and since our laws about buying and selling have long been crammed to bursting with regulations of all kinds, most of them absurd and many harmful, the creation of yet another such quango should have been greeted with groams and hisses. Still, it presumably gives employment to many who might otherwise have to beg their bread from door to door, and as there is no record of the staff taking bribes

with it.

But do we really have to put up with Sir Gordon's obiter dictal? Particularly since his brand of nannying (he is the only person to have won the coveted title of Nanny-General to the Nation three years running) is only dubiously within his official purities.

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or conducting orgies in the post-

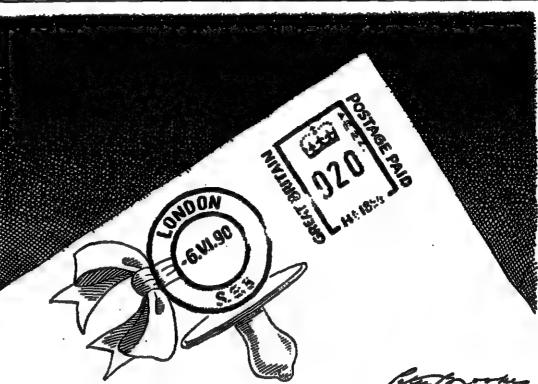
room, we might as well put up

A year or two ago he started to get hysterical about debt; we were all too ter 10 st to indeed at all, and bankruptcy was the least that now faced more than 170 million households in Bournemouth alone. Using his own figures I demonstrated that he was talking nonsense, and his next foray into the subject was couched, I was glad to see, in calmer and more modest tones. That, however, still left the question of whether he had any business telling us to be prudent in the first place.

Now he has a new fad; he made an entire speech on the subject the other day. He was chiefly concerned with the fact that the MPS, or Mailing Preference Service, whose annual luncheon he was addressing, needed more money he wanted industry in general, and the Post Office in particular, to provide it, so that the MPS "can become a widely-used and effective deterrent".

And against what is the MPS supposed to become a widely-used and effective deterrent? Assaults on women who live alone? Shoplifting? Eating biscuits in bed? No; the hideous danger from which Nanny Borrie gallantly offers protection is: junk mail. The task of the MPS is to sift the post of its

Bernard Levin asks if there are to be no limits to the interfering ministrations of the Office of Fair Trading



members or subscribers, and throw away the kind of matter the recipient does not want.

For this must industry bleed, and the Post Office put its prices up. Or was I not justified in calling him a Nanny? For he was not advising caution in invest-ment, or emphasizing the im-portance of thrift, or urging comparative shopping for con-sumer durables; he knows that most people own a wastepaper-basket, but he is so concerned to ensure that his charges shall never grow up that he will not, if he can help it, let them throw away their own rubbish. If the provision of rubbish is not stopped at source, so that it never gets into the hands of the nation, the nation, it seems,

When you think about it, the estion of who throws the rubbish away becomes curiously crucial, it is not just a symbol of Nannyism versus adult responsibility, but a most significant fork in the road: one path leads to the

helplessness. It seems that the MPS "has only 311,000 names of people who have expressed a desire not to receive junk mail". You and I will conclude that there are therefore only 311,000 households, or individuals, who can be bothered to register with the MPS. But that will not do for Sir Gordon; no, "I believe that this low level of usage by the public is more likely to reflect a lack of knowledge of its existence than any lack of discontent with direct mail." Very well; let us accept Sir

Gordon's explanation. If he is right, many more people would sign up with the MPS if only they knew about it. The burden of my argument then shifts: what is the matter with those people that they are unable to throw away mail they do not want, but must needs hire someone else to do it?

Many years ago, I was appearing on Any Questions, and the World Cup series was about to begin. One of the questions went something

real world, the other to a swamp of like this: "What can we do when we find that television and radio are putting out the World Cup whenever we switch on?" I was sent in to bat first; I drew a deep breath - I wanted a good deal of emphasis for what I was proposing to say — and started. "Switch the thing off," I said "and do some-thing else. Go for a walk; knit; read a book: take up carpentry; talk to

> There were a few gasps, modicum of applause, a little laughter and - quite clearly - a large number of people to whom my solution of their problem had never so much as occurred. I cannot see any difference in practice between the people who do not know what the switch on the television set is for, and those who want somebody to throw their junk mail away. In either case, is not that matter for alarm? Or at any rate, shouldn't it be? A terrible thought comes into my mind, and will not go away,

> your companions; if all else fails.

make love."

even though I throw stones at it.

Am I entirely wasting my time?

Do the British want to be naumed? When they see a heap of letters on the mat, would they be happier if there were a Junk Mail Warden on every corner, so that all they would have to do is put their heads out of the door and call him? Though even that will not quite do; much junk mail is well disguised, and some quite genuine letters look suspiciously junkworthy. We must then appoint Junk Mail Scrutineers; these, when the Junk Mail Warden confesses himself baffled, will be empowered to open the dubious envelopes and read the contents, before either throwing them away as guilty, or handing

hen, however, there must be Junk Mail Superinten-dents; these would, when the Junk Mail Scrutineer pressed his Emergency Call Button, come running. You see, some weak-willed citizens, having asked, in the appropriate cere-mony, for the Junk Mail Court to have their Junk Mail filtered, may see on the mat a document that, looks interesting it would be the Junk Mail Superintendent's task to confiscate the item before the customer had a chance to read it.

The Junk Mail President - but you get the idea. None the less. I still want an answer to my question. Why, if people do not want the offers, promises, goods and enticements of junk mail, can they not simply throw such ma-terial into the dustbin, and shut up about it? Which brings me back to Sir Gordon Borrie, where I started. In the speech I referred to, he said, among other things, that "both targeting and content have to be above reproach to encourage pub-

No they don't; not, at least, in the case of households equipped with something to throw the rubbish in. What about building a wastepaper-basket so gigantic that it would easily swallow the entire Office of Fair Trading? To be on the safe side, we had better also build a giant shredder, through which the building and everything in it would go before disposal. Provided, of course, that the Junkmailmaster-General had given his permission.

Chamber of horrors

trained relations between the Lords and the Commons will not be belied by a scathing assessment of the contribution of backbenchers to society, made by the Labour peer Lord "Ted" Willis. "A great many have di-gested the bitter truth that being an MP is only marginally better than being a dog warden, and they have had the good sense to find remunerative to do outside the House," he says in House Magazine, the weekly journal of Parliament. "MPs protect their sanity, if not their tives, by travelling the world on what are laughingly called fact-finding tours. The rest drag themselves to Westminster, using it either as a club or a rest home. They satisfy their consciences by drafting pri-vate members' bills which propose such vital measures as a ban on ring-top drink cans, or preparing speeches that will never be Willis, a playwright and

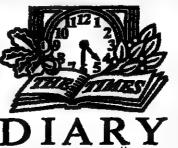
televison scriptwriter, has even less respect for the 100 or so MPs who make up the government, "It is one of the sadder features of life at Westminster that when MPs are appointed to government they take it literally. They are at once overcome with an irresistable urge actually to govern; in plain words, to meddle with matters about which they know little or nothing. Possession of a red box seems to turn them into legislative Rottweilers." Willis, best known as the creator of Dixon of Dock Green, abolishing the Lords is a decoy designed by MPs to divert atten-tion away from the shortcomings

 The British Airways flight desk imparts the information that the London-Edinburgh shuttle leaves Heathrow at 16.00. And when does it touch down in Edinburgh? "17.15, local time." Isn't this taking devolution a little too far?

Nature's gentleman

ot often can the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chancellor and the Prime Minister have all had to sit still on a busy weekday and be lectured on the delights of sea trout fishing. Yet they had to yesterday at Lord Brace-Gardyne's packed memorial ger-vice in St Margaret's, West-minster. Fishing and politics were among Jock Bruce-Gardyne's great loves, and another political fisherman, Mr Nicholas Ridley, read from the words of vet read from the words of yet another, Lord Grey of Falloden: "Sea trout fishing offers more scope for the individuality of the angler. The season, after a long period of work in the stale air of cities, coincides with the first burst into freedom and fresh atmosphere." Wandering alone down lens and over moors, read Ridley, the angler has a sense of physical energy and strength beyond all his experience in ordinary life... There are times when I have stood still for joy of it all." For a man who gloried in the beauty of nature as much as in the arguments of politics, there could have

been no better epitaph.



 Paddy Ashdown was complain-ing yesterday that the most uncom-fortable part of sleeping with the down-and-outs of Cardboard City was the loud snoring of his neigh-bour for the night, Labour MP Frank Cook. Ashdown is also miffed that Cook had a box big enough for two, while he and his wife Jane had to make do with singles.

Ouestion of taste

he Royal Academy has been swamped with sponsorship for its Summer Exhibition, just opened. Everyone wants to be

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associated with this cosy tradition, despite the disturbing presence of "A Mighty Blow for Freedom / Freedom , a bronze man swinging an axe at a television set, which blocks the entrance to gallery one. The German Expressionist Egon Schiele, whose works are scheduled for show from November 25, has failed to gain such acceptance. His explicit paintings of genitalia, with titles such as "Black Haired Girl with Skirt Turned Up" and "Cardinal and Nun Caress", are enjoying a and Nun Caress", are enjoying a boom in auction houses, but have so far been rebuffed by the sponsors. "Companies were turned off when they saw the work, and were frightened of putting clients off their canapes,"

Birthday party

as Harold Pinter, who publishes his first novel, The Dwarf, on October 1, mistimed his run? Speculation is mounting as to whether the publication date nine days before his sixtieth birthday disqualifies him for the new Sagittarius Prize for authors who publish a first novel when aged 60 or over. The book is a revised version of one he wrote in the 1950s, and this too might lead to misgivings about its eligibility. The award, developing the idea of the McKitterick prize for first novels by authors over 40. was donated by an anonymous philanthropical Englishman living in Spain, and is worth £2,000.

Mark Le Fanu, general secretary of the Society of Authors, is reassuring about Pinter's chances: "As long as he is 60 by 31 December, and the book is published in 1990,

Blackboard hero

Telson Mandela is about to find his way on to the British school curriculum, as someone who has "helped the world". He will take his place alongside Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Bob Geldof and Marie Curie in a series of textbooks published by Exley. The book seems certain to sell well to those local authorities that delight in naming streets after Mandela, but will enjoy less popularity among Tory authori-ties. Tory MP John Carlisle says: "Such books are very dangerous. It will make Mandela a cult figure. It ignores his past when he was engaged in terrorist activities."
Carlisle points out that the ANC has not renounced the use of violence, and will ask John MacGregor, the Education Secretary, to prevent use of the book in British schools.

The author, Benjamin Pogrund, is a former deputy editor of the Johannesburg Rand Daily Mail and a personal friend of Mandela. He has just completed a biography of the late Robert Sobukwe, leader of the Pan-Africanist Congress of the Pan-Africanist Congress— the all-black rival to the ANC— which throws light on Mandela's prison years. "In the 1960s they sat next to each other sewing mailbags," says Pogrund. Another prisoner told him of a heated argument between the two men over the greatest writer in English literature. One favoured George Bernard Shaw, the other Shakespeare. Unfortunately, the prisoner could not remember who supported whom - though they agreed that the dispute was even more intractable than the problems besetting South Africa.

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Britain and the United States are staring at real

differences over the future of Britain's nuclear

deterrent. In the bargaining which charac-

terizes the late phases of arms reduction talks,

the Soviets have raised the stakes on the

British Trident missiles. The future of Britain's

deterrent rests on the good will of the

American President in continuing to defy

A small nuclear deterrent is only worth

having if the weapon can be kept up to date in

its entirety. Credibility depends on moderniza-

tion stretching into the future as long as any

conceivable threat might last. The Start

negotiations on strategic weapons are bilateral

between the United States and the Soviet

Union. Until now, the British deterrent has

been excluded from the "non-circumvention"

clauses of missile treaties, in which the

signatories abjure indirect methods of evading

The Soviet Union has long wished to see the British and French nuclear deterrents included

in these talks. The Trident warheads-to-be

figured only as a fraction of the totals. But at

the heart of the talks now under way is a

discussion of a "Start 2" treaty. If that were to

bring strategic warhead numbers down on each

side to 3,000 to 4,000, up to a thousand Trident

warheads begins to look like more than a

Hence the sudden worries over Soviet

negotiators asking for an American commit-

ment that there would be no American

replacement to Britain for the Trident D5.

Such a commitment would effectively abolish

the British deterrent. Its entire defensive power

would vanish from the moment it was known

The official interpretation that these are

endgame ploys by seasoned Soviet players may

be correct. If satisfactory compromises are

found on German reunification, Moscow may

relax. But if the specific difficulty over the

British Trident increases - as it must if strategic arsenals go on shrinking - Britain is

The public's attitude towards drinking and

driving has changed significantly over the past decade. People have learnt to be careful. Many

lives have been saved, many families not left

ruined, as a result. Could even more now be

The minister for roads and traffic; Mr

Robert Atkins, appears to think so. Without

revealing his own preferences, he is floating the

proposition that the time has come for even

tighter restrictions, especially ones targeted at

groups such as young and newly-qualified drivers who are either among the most reckless

or the least experienced. He is moving in the

right direction, but he should proceed with

some care before starting the legislative engine.

The popularity of low alcohol beer, the relatively new social acceptability of "No

thanks. I'm driving" and a volume of

anecdotal evidence all suggest that the Govern-

ment's effort at mass education in the last few

years has resulted in a beneficial change of

behaviour. True, the legislative introduction of

road-side breathalyser testing and of strict

penalties for being caught was a necessary

condition to make these changes in attitude

take place, but it was not a sufficient condition.

Mass advertising, including annual police

campaigns at Christmas and the new year,

have made a crucial contribution in bringing

home the personal responsibility of every

motorist. The fear of losing a driving licence is

one sort of deterrent, but the fear of maining

As a result the present law on drink-driving

now corresponds to what most people think is

right and fair, and they are probably prepared

to be persuaded in favour of even lower

breathalyser limits if the argument is good

enough. Among those who most need to be

persuaded, however, are the young drivers who

are the subject of Mr Atkins' thinking. Of all

sections of the population, they are the most

likely to harbour ambivalent or negative

feelings towards those who would have to

The police are wary of laws which are not

supported by a moral consensus, for that can

Geography, says the dictionary, is "the study of

the natural features of the earth's surface . . .

and man's response to them." The dictionary

speaks true. Geography embraces every fact on

earth: every aspect of the composition,

occupation and history of the planet. It is the

monitor of our abuse of our environment and

our guide to its preservation. As such,

geography knows no intellectual boundaries. It

deserves to sit at the centre of any liberal

School geography has none the less recently

had to fight its way back from being a mere

option to being one of the foundation subjects

in the Government's National Curriculum and

is still far from being one of the "core" subjects.

While the grandees of English, science and

mathematics sit luxuriating above the salt,

geography was originally left to fight it out with

history as an option for teaching time, below

education.

enforce tougher controls, the police.

or killing is what matters most.

saved by a further shift?

that the new weapon was the last of the line.

Soviet pressure.

the treaty limits.

fraction.

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THE FUTURE OF TRIDENT

attractive

relationship.

faced with two choices, neither of them

For the British and French governments to

maintain any degree of independence over

their most powerful weapon, they require to be

either technically self-sufficient (the French

choice) or safely excluded from superpower

missile trading (the Anglo-American option).

The agreement first codified for Polaris in

1958, by which America provides Britain with

technology for a deterrent which Washington

does not completely control, is still the ultimate symbol of the much-derided special

At some stage some concessions will have to

be made - perhaps a greater degree of

transparency in the Anglo-American arrange-

ment. But for Britain any deal must stop short

of the Soviet intention to break the continuity

of weapon supply. Close monitoring by

London of the fine print of these negotiations

is plainly more urgent than ever, for each new

development may present opportunities to

The alternative is for the British Govern-

ment to attempt to take a full part in the

strategic missile negotiations themselves. That

cannot be done without the Trident warheads

being counted in the arithmetic of reduction.

The pressures to reduce Britain's deterrent

beyond usefulness would then be massive,

Dependence on American technology would

work against, rather than for, British interests.

of that kind would be for Britain to go down

the French route, to convert to complete self-

sufficiency in nuclear technology. This would

he massively expensive. Besides, such "junior"

deterrents may in the future be vulnerable to

space weapons technology, in which a country

such as Britain cannot possibly partake. The

need for a separate British deterrent may one

day be questioned. Until then, the Trident

insurance policy depends on the backing of President Bush. He must simply refuse to

bring them into angry conflict with the

ordinary citizen in a way which does nothing for their public relations. When a pattern of

behaviour is newly criminalized by changes in

the law, it is important that it should also be

"criminalized" in terms of public attitude. The

options being considered by the Department of

Transport include making it an absolute

criminal offence, backed by severe penalties,

for young or newly-qualified drivers to drive

with anything but a zero blood-alcohol level.

This would be going too far. Alcohol fades

from the bloodstream at varying rates, and

may take until some time the next day to

disappear completely. However law-abiding he

wanted to be, the individual concerned would

have no way of knowing whether he was fit to

drive for many hours after the obvious effects

Such a draconian imposition would be

resented as unfair, and the consensus the law

requires would be missing. The present law

has focused on stigmatizing the driver who

drives immediately after the drink. The

connection would be severed if the individual

who drinks modestly at lunchtime was

expected to abstain from driving until the

following morning. If there is to be a lower

limit for sections of the driving population at

risk, it should not be so low as to lead to

To distinguish those to whom such new

restrictions might apply, it is further suggested

that young or newly-qualified drivers might be

obliged to carry a sign, similar to an "L" sign, perhaps showing a "P" for probationary. This

works well enough in Northern Ireland, where

the letter used is "R" for restricted, and most

people who first come across the practice there

find it entirely sensible. Mainland Britain

should borrow it on its own merits, along with

associated speed restrictions. A lower limit on

blood alcohol would make sense as part of a

broader package of laws applying to proba-

tionary drivers, and would be more likely to

gain the public support they would need.

complete uncertainty in the mind of the

had vanished.

potential culprit.

countenance the Soviet demand.

MR ATKINS' TRIAL BALLOON

The only way of avoiding American pressure

protect the key to British national security.

for sacred music

Sir, Bernard Levin's entertaining

article ("If they are not the tunes

of the Devil, let's hear them". May

28) suggests that it was a whim of the Catholic hierarchy in France

to impose restrictions on concerts

in churches. The instruction came.

however, from the Vatican, ad-

dressed to the Catholic Church as

music are not permitted in

churches, but the same document

authorizes the performance of

liturgical and other sacred music at concerts in churches, when no

admission charge should be made

The idea was "to keep alive the treasures of church music which must not be lost". In those places where, over the last 20 years, the

liturgy itself has become so soul-

less as to exclude the "treasure of

inestimable value" which the

Second Vatican Council ordered

to be preserved and fostered, it is

considered that such music should

resound in concerts rather than

The Association for Latin Lit-

urgy, founded in 1969 to advance

the use of Latin in the revised rites

of the Catholic Church, has been

assured by the Vatican that the

instruction should not be inter-

preted as meaning that traditional

Latin music should not be used in

its correct place in the Mass and Divine Office in any churches

where the will and the necessary

In practice, no worthy lituraical

music from the past need be

denied a place in the revised Catholic liturgy. The greater

churches of London and elsewhere

maintain an excellent standard

including the whole repertoire of

plainsong and the polyphony of

Byrd, Lassus, Palestrina and Vic-

toria, as well the Haydn and

Mozart masses disdained by the

Glyndebourne 'Flute'

Sir, Last week I saw The Magic

Flute at Glyndebourne (review, May 23). It was the second night of the season. I have been on a slow

I can understand the search for

new ways to express the manifold

qualities of Mozart's operas. I can

also recognise the wonderful mu-

sicianship, evidenced in both solo

and - so characteristically -

ensemble singing on the night.

That joy and source of admiration

remained intact. But I consider

Professional criticism has ex-

pressed this view more cogently

than I am able. But I dare to feel I

speak for a vast silent majority of Glyndebourne members. All around

the on the night the feeling was the

The point can be put quite simply. I think the festival's

artistic management has a duty to

Mozari and to the festival's pa-

trons. It has failed in this duty on

both counts. It has shown itself to

be self-serving, there can be no

ultimately responsible for this

wretched state of affairs I think it

The festival's management is

greater calumny.

competence exist.

purists.

May 30.

Yours faithfully

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20 Cambridge Road, SW11.

From Mr A. T. Shadforth

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From Mr Edward Barrett



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- Jan 300 even such peripherals as French and gym. Now, geography will at least become compulsory. But its lowly status is an educational outrage, a comment on the domination of \$ 5×4×30 - 1 St. 184 teaching in Britain by the universities and their M has the same A STATE OF THE STA 200 Act 200 And the second · ·

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medieval academic priorities. Yesterday, the Government's working party on geography began what could be a long rearguard action. The new, flexible list of guidelines for teachers of children at ages 7, 11, 14 and 16 shows that geography's small band of guerrillas has bravely captured much of the "green" territory now so fashionable among school children - and thus being coveted by the conservatives for "pure" science. In future, seven-year-olds will be expected to know about the weather, about their neighbourhood, about travel and land use. By 14, they should know about the configuration of the landscape, its

NOT JUST ABOUT MAPS impact on population, industry and transport, about the food chain and species survival. By 16, pupils will have strayed more confidently into soil science, economic history and the regulation of the environment. They should be able to recognize the world about them and understand the natural and human forces which shape and change it.

Yet these are no more than spoils from the outer bailey of the "core" curriculum. Geography should be encouraged to seize the central fortress, ejecting both pure science and that grossly over-promoted intellectual exercise called mathematics. Geography should stand alone on the scientific pedestal, joined only with its one educational equal, the study of the human spirit in English language and literature. Geography is queen of the sciences, parent to chemistry, geology, physics and biology, parent also to history and economics. Without a clear grounding in the known characteristics of the earth, the physical sciences are mere game-playing, the social sciences mere ideology.

The education secretary, Mr John Mac-Gregor, said yesterday that geography was vital for pupils to gain "an informed appreciation of the world in which they are growing up and in which they will live and work as adults." Nobody would quarrel with that. But why does a government so commendably interventionist in matters curricular not put its words into action? Why does it traipse along behind the academic conservatives? If Mrs Thatcher's "full repairing lease" on the earth is to be honoured, British children must be taught how to do-it-themselves. Geography should be declared a core.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and the police

Sir, The debate on policing has recently included much criticism of police management, often cou-pled with suggestions that the injection of a direct-entry officer class into the police service would be beneficial. A recent suggestion was that surplus redundant Army officers could be drafted in to help.

whence these suggestions have come. Certainly they do not emanate from any source that has seriously studied modern policing, seriously suched modern pointing, nationally and internationally, or has studied police and military history in any depth, incidentelly, I would venture to suggest that the failure of military training to cope with the problems at Peterloo, 170 years ago, was a major factor leading to the establishment of the Pritish rolice system.

British police system.

The training of police and the training of the military are entirely different in approach. The military concept gives little or no authority to lower ranks and is required to inculcate obedience to orders. In the police service the lowest ranks work mainly alone, and with a great deal of discretion.

that is exactly what police training does. Our emior officers need to understand the independence of the constable and his relationship with the public. This is best learnt by personal experience.

Conversely, military training emphasises team spirit, aggres-sion, loyalty to the regiment above all, and determination to achieve their aim at all costs. That is no doubt entirely right and proper for the military role, but we query whether it would assist in providing a police service of a kind that

We have for many years recruited ex-military personnel in some numbers. Many have made good policemen and some have

Your faithfully, TREVOR HEWITT, Secretary, The Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, 67a Reading Road, Pangbourne, Berkahire

Back pain practice From the Secretary of the General Council and Register of

Sir, We welcome the recent report by the Medical Research Council which concluded that chiropractic treatment almost certainly confers worthwhile long-term benefit for many patients with low back pain in comparison with hospital out-

certain types of back pain and it confirms previous studies, done mainly in the United States, on the advantages of both chiropractic and osteopathic treatment.

Registered osteogaths would love to see osteopathic and chiropractic treatment available to patients on the NHS in the future, but they realise that such a step is not feasible at present. There are only some 1,400 osteopaths and some 400 chiropractors in this country who have completed a four-year full-time course of train-

the right under law of anyone to call himself or herself an osteopath or a chiropractor, regardless of training or the lack of it. Because of this, we welcome the initiative of the King's Fund in setting up a working party to examine the mechanics of statutory regulation

PETER BLAKER, Secretary,

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Yours sincerely

DAVID BUBBERS,

2 Earlsmead Court,

15 Granville Road,

From the President of Cornell University Sir, I cater the debate on the future

funding of the Natural History Museum with some reluctance, but with the hope that the view of a distant observer, who values the work of the museum, may add some perspective.

tion; instruction and research. The NHM's record in the former has been undistinguished: for far too long its displays were dated, crowded and unappealing to the non-professional. To its credit, the museum has recently made significant improvements in exhibition style, though sometimes leaving something to be desired in

In contrast, the museum's work in research has been superb though, by its very nature, it elicits few headlines. But such taxonomic work, unheralded as it is, provides the crucial foundation for all biological knowledge. For that reason, basic taxonomic re-

Eastbourne, East Sussex. June 1.

support.
Without it, the treasures represented by the museum collections will be of little value. Without it, as the museum itself has already demonstrated, effective public educational exhibitions cannot be mounted, since they require close co-operation between the design professionals and taxonomists. Without it, even the six strategic priority areas chosen by the director become exercises in

confusion. Does all this mean that no responsible government can ever impose a budget reduction on the museum? Of course not, though whether national priorities are best served by a reduction of 100 or 50 or 25 posts clearly involves judgments other than financial.

What it does argue, however, is that responsible stewardship of these national collections requires, not the imposition of a "corporate

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone munber. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

Judgment, decades after Nuremburg Suitable settings

From Mrs Charles Odescalchi

Sir. The War Crimes Bill, passed

by the Commons and rejected by

the Lords, must necessarily pro-

duce a range of opinions not at all

reflective of party lines. The function of the Upper House, in

delaying so controversial a mea-

sure until everyone has had an

opportunity to think, amply jus-tifies the existence of that House.

Could not the Government deal in

an uncontroversial manner with

the whole question, by holding a

referendum?

Flat 12

Yours faithfully. ELENI ODESCALCHI,

Park View, Abbey Road.

Malvern, Worcestershire.

From Mr Ralph Koorlander

Sir, Had more than six million

British and Commonwealth civil-

ians been systematically butch-

ered by an occupying power during the last war, would our noble Lords currently be voicing

such constitutional qualms or

wringing their hands at the un-reliability of the judicial process?

From the Master of St Catharine's

Sir, If the perpetrators of the

Moors murders had not been

apprehended all those years ago,

but there were now prima facie evidence that they were living

comfortably in provincial Eng-land, would there be the same sort

of sanctimonious speeches in the

House of Lords as greeted the

proposal that mass murderers, on an even greater scale, should now

Sir, Thank heaven for the House

of Lords, simply because they are mostly non-politicians. The War Crimes Bill shames this country.

As someone who took part in the

bombing of Germany, may I say

we took revenge enough to close

WILLIAM de SALIS (Chief Eco-

nomics and Land Use Adviser),

Country Landowners Association.

Yours faithfully, RALPH KOOKLANDER,

College, Cambridge

be brought to justice? Yours faithfully,

St Catharine's College,

From Mr B. H. Bateman

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the book for ever.

B. H. BATEMAN.

Ruislip, Middlesex.

34 St Martin's Approach,

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

Cambridge.

11 Hasiemere Avenue, NW4.

From Mr Raphael Attar Sir. Your editorial, "Forty years

too late" (June 4), does not judge the overriding issue involved, which is one of principle. First, you consider the War Crimes Bill as part of the "fight against anti-Semitism", and conclude that it will not deter those "who still commit murder and

sacrilege against Jews".

Certainly the Nazis murdered millions of Jews, but surely the issue at stake should not be the race or religion of the victims but the crimes and those who committed them. To equate the issue with anti-Semitism merely debases it to the "motive" for the crime, but does nothing to address the real issue of whether those guilty of murder should be brought to Second, while anything and

everything may be said about the Nuremburg trials, that again is not the issue here. By attempting to portray the Bill as a mere extension of these trials, so as to "correct sins of omission of post-war Allied policy", you again fudge the real issue.

You then go on to consider the age of the alleged criminals, and the likelihood that, if convicted, they would not serve substantial sentences. This may well be so, but is that a valid or just reason to allow a criminal to continue enjoying the freedom he has had for over 40 years?

You rightly emphasize the retrospective nature of the Bill, on the basis that those who committed these crimes were not then British citizens and could not have been justly tried at that time. Yet you feel able to conclude that the Bill is 40 years too late. If one were to follow this line of argument, the Bill, to be enforceable, needed to have been enacted before the Second World War.

However, it seems to me that you have ignored the basic fact that murder is murder, in any language, in any country, for any motive, so matter who committed it or who the victim is, and no amount of time can ever change this. Let the courts decide.

Yours faithfully, RAPHAEL ATTAR, 60 Wolsey Road, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex.

June 5.

matched by these means, rather Countryside access than by relying on a network of footpaths which does not appear From Mr William de Salis to meet modern requirements.

Sir, Marion Shoard ("Cive us back the freedom to roam where we please", May 26) fails to address the balance between supply and demand. On the supply side, a Country Landowners Association survey showed that 25 per cent of footpaths were unused and that 44 per cent were only

occasionally used.
On the demand side, if local authorities have been slow to use their powers to enter into access agreements, this is evidence of the lack of perceived demand from the community to make an additional recreational resource available.

In trying to encourage local authorities to provide recreational facilities for the ever-growing number of visitors to the countryside, the CLA has advanced proposals for environmental land management services - essentially contracts between landowners and consumers for the provision of the environmental, ncluding recreational, facilities which are wanted by a mobile and largely urban public.

expected to say or do to end the

The offering of a bite from a beefburger to his daughter was

neither silly nor a gaffe. It was a delightfully common touch that

gave extra credibility to all he had been saving on partial

vision. It came over even better

when she appeared to refuse - but

this, I gather, was because it was

en saying on radio and tele-

media obsession with BSE?

Supply and demand can be

Credibility gap From the Reverend David B. Bubbers From Ms Peggy Dyche Sir, Your supercilious comment

concerning Mr Gummer's beefas the name for the cross-Channel burger (leader, June 1) provokes me to rise to his defence. train service. It suggests being in the forefront of a movement. It As one of the most articulate also has the connotation of a guard's van, which should appeal ministers, he has certainly succeeded in convincing me that I can to the safety-conscious as well as continue to enjoy British beef. to railway buffs. What more can he reasonably be Yours faithfully,

PEGGY DYCHE, 25 Blakes Avenue. New Maiden, Surrey.

From Mr Roy Smith Sir, I suggest Sagittarius. A name with classical roots avoids nationalist hurdles. The meaning is well known, not only to the astrologically inclined. And to railway buffs and the older generation on both sides of the channel there is instant connection with the Golden Arrow/Fleche d'Or. Yours faithfully,

tific curators are given an opportu-

nity, together with the director

and trustees, to provide a pro-

fessional response within the con-

text of the realities of government

It was a sad day for British science to read of strikes by

professional scientific museum

staff (report, April 25). It was

equally sad to read the "corporate

plan" which led to this action.

And it is both sad and embarrass-

ing to have the author of the

museum plan describe it as a

strategy which has been "re-

defined to meet the needs of

audiences and in doing so enhance

its position as the leading natural

However real the financial con-

straints, there must be a better way

history museum in the world"

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

603 Cayuga Heights Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, USA.

Cornell University,

FRANK RHODES, President,

ROY SMITH. Ekely, Dormans Park, East Grinstead, Sussex.

funding.

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plan", but the development of a collegiate strategy, in which scien-

Where charity begins From Mr S. J. Osmond

Sir, Mr Paul Messing's suggestion (June 5) that charity sponsorship should be related to more useful activity than table tennis marathons has been applied for many years in Hong Kong. As an alternative to sponsored

walks, which raise millions of pounds, there are sponsored cleanups where groups of volunteers, sponsored by friends and businesses, spring-clean the beaches and beauty spots - at the same time as raising money and publicising the need for litter control.

Yours faithfully, SAM OSMOND, 40 Stanhope Gardens, SW7

Once bittern?

From Mr K. W Broad Sir. Surely it is news only when man bites bittern (letter, June 4). Yours truly, KEN BROAD, Manor Court, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire.

An officer class

From the Secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales

It is difficult to determine from

It is extremely difficult to train officers to respond to the public on an individual basis with tact, discretion and understanding, but

the public expects.

justifiably gained advancement, but only after re-training into a new civilian environment and truly learning their craft.

What we are growing tired of waiting for is any reasoned case that an officer class in the police would actually bring improve-

Ostronaths

nations management (report, June l, later editions).

It shows that manipulative therapy is effective in the treatment of

ing; there are not enough of them as yet to provide a viable service. The situation is not helped by for osteopaths.

Yours faithfully,

The General Council and Register of Osteopaths, 56 London Street Reading, Berksbire. June 1.

Museum's future

Major museums, like major

universities, have a twofold func-

Sir, Can a lecturer in central London really have such an affinity with the countryside that she is in a position to tell us, land-

16 Belgrave Square, SW1

From Mr John Howe

using farmers, how to manage the countryside? Ms Shoard seems to be in a muddle. Why can she counte-

nance exclusivity in a back garden whilst saying that I should open up my factory floor to all and sundry? Would ICL for instance, allow the public unlimited access to their plants?

Just because my factory floor has no walls and is open to the view of everyone, why should that give them the right to come

inside? Yours faithfully. JOHN HOWE Sheffield Park Farm.

has been found wanting Yours sincerely Uckfield, Sussex. ANTHONY T SHADFORTH Naming the train

Woodiands, Bridslow Ross-on-Wye. Herefordshire Sir, May I put forward Vanguard From Mr Roger Simpson Sir. Your review does less than justice to the new production. In my opinion, as a member of the

audience on the second night, the performance was most theatrical and magical. Thank goodness for its inventive innovation, for Peter Sellars, but above all Glyndebourne, which over the years has shown that it knows how to keep opera vibrantly alive.

Thank goodness also that the production will go on tour this autumn and that there is a planned recording by BBC television, so that this splendid Magic Flute may be seen by a wider and less privileged audience. Yours faithfully, ROGER SIMPSON

Chartfield, Park View Road, Woldingham, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

Commander Alistair Watson, RN and Mr Richard Arbiter

the Amateur Swimming Associ-ation's "Swimfit 90" venture at

The Queen Mother Sports Centre, 223 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Lieutenant-Commander

Patrick Jephson, RN were in

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 6: The Duchess of Ken

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

June 6: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy, attended by Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning to visit Portugal on the occasion of the Bicentenary

of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr

deut of the British Knitting and

ham Road, 5W3.

YORK HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 6: The Queen, accompa-nied by The Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Duke and Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother and The Duke and
Duchess of Gloucester,
honoured Epsom Races with her
Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulresence today. The Ladies and Gentlemen of

Ladies and Gentlemen of Subsequently, Her Royal busehold in Waiting were Highness attended the launch of in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Ullswater (Lord in the viscount Ultswater (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy for Portugal and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening from the United States of America. Captain Neil Blair, RN, was

this morning visited the Bristol
Cyrenians Day Centre, New
Street, and later, as Patron,
visited the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust's Headquarters. 3 Nugent Hill, Cotham. Bristol. Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Bristol Old Vic The Princess Royal arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham this morning from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Mrs Charles Ritchie, Lieuten-Theatre School, Theatre Royal, Downside Road, Bristol. Mrs Peter Wilmot-Street was

int-Colonel Peter Gibbs and Mr John Haslam were in

KENSINGTON PALACE June 6: The Prince of Wales, President, suended the General Council Meeting of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London (The King's Fund) at 21 Palace Court, W2.

Major General Sir Chrismajor General Str Chris-topher Airy was in attendance. His Royal Highness opened the Project at Mothers' Squara, E5, jointly developed by the Newlon Housing Group and the

City and Hackney Health
Authority.
The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community and President, The Prince
of Wales's Advisory Group on
Disability attended a governing Disability, attended a reception at Inn on the Park, W1.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the annual meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes at the Albert Hall at 3.00 to mark the federation's 75th

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the annual luncheon of the British Footwear Manufac-turers' Federation at the Cafe Royal at 12.40; and, as Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, will hold a recop-tion at Buckingham Palace at

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will open the Hereward Wake Residential Centre and the Benham Sports Arena, King's Park, Northampton, at 3.00; and open the new extension to St John's Home for the Elderly at 4.10.

The Duchess of York, president, will attend the Hackney Horse Society annual show at the South of England Centre, Ardingly, West Sussex, at 11.00; and will attend the forty-fourth international congress of the International Union of Graphic Reproduction Industries at the Royal Lancaster Hotel at 2.15. The Princess Royal, as Presi-

Mr Nicholas Ashford

Clothing Export Council, will attend the annual meeting and luncheon at the Berkeley hote at 11.45; and, as Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend a meeting of the council at 80 Portland Place at 2.30. She will take the salute when the Massed Bands of the Household Di-vision Beat Retreat on Horse Guards at 9.25 pm.

Princess Margaret will open the Gamma camera unit at Hert-ford County Hospital at 3.00. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Royal Hospital Chelsea's Founder Day Parade at 10.47.

The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, will visit the Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent will unveil the Polish Air Force memorial in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral at 2.25; and, as a Royal Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, will attend a development appeal reception at Buckingham Palace at 5.45. Michael of Kent Patron of the Brooklands Museum Trust Appeal, will attend a luncheon to launch the appeal at the Naval and Military Club at

R.E. Wagg

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Teddy Wagg will be A memorial service for Mr Nicholas Ashford will be held at St Paul's Church, St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon Knightsbridge, on Tuesday,

OBITUARIES

Joe Loss, LVO, OBE, one of the most enduringly popular bandleaders in this country. died aged 80 in a London hospital yesterday. He was born on June 22, 1909.

OF ALL the major bandleaders who at one time dominated the entertainment scene in the United Kingdom, Joe Loss must be counted as the leader, since for long after the end of what has since become known as the "Big Band Era", he alone survived. He was the youngest of the men who fronted the huge dance orchestras of the Thirties and Forties, a group which numbered among its members names like Geraldo, Lew Stone, Jack Payne, Jack Hylton, Henry Hall and Ambrose. But when changing public tastes and old age forced them into retirement,

Joe Loss carried on. For almost the whole of the half century or more in which Loss ran his orchestra - its members changed but he stayed essentially the same dapper performer all the time his was a household name. He was a big figure in his branch of show business within a couple of years of establishing his orchestra at the Astoria Ballroom in Charing Cross Road in 1930 and remained so until past his golden jubilee in 1980.

of the Factory House, Oporto.
On arrival at the Airport, Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by Senhor Manuel Corte Real (Charge. He once said that he played all kinds of dance music and d'Affaires, Portuguese Em-bassy), Sir John Stow (Special Representative of the Secretary always accepted new trends, But at the same time, he drew the line at playing punk music and never neglected the old Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Limited). "standards" for which he had become famous. For 40 years his signature tune had been "In the Mood", originally popularized by Glenn Miller, perhaps his nearest American counterpart but whose own career at the top had barely spanned seven years before his death. Loss's own version of "In the Mood" sold a million copies, and he went on to make numerous other hit

> Loss always said that he never went into a bailroom with preconceived notions. "I read the floor and let them decide what I shall play. Usually at least one of his numbers would be "The Woodchoppers Ball", which he first played before the Second World War.

reconvit.

Joshua Alexander Loss was born the son of Israel Loss, a maker, who after service in the mas, moving swiftly from a Boer War had settled in the shift in the first theatre to Spitalfields district of East another at the second. He then London. He was the youngest played for dancers at the of four children and went to Witabledon Palnis. of four children and went to the Jewish Free School near At 21, he formed his own Petticoat Lane. Even in those days he was immaculately turned out and a fellow pupil group at the Astoria Ballroom remembers his shining white in London's West End. Two turned out and a fellow pupil collar and equally shining years later, he was playing at leather satched in class he was the Kit Kat Restaurant, one of ever quick with the answers.

His father's ambition was that he should become a his set. It become the sunt of a classical musician and, in-very long association with the appointment as LVO in 1984 deed, the young Loss showed Royal Family, which made was further recognition of the great promise. He gave his him virtually the "By esteem in which he was held



JOE LOSS

first concert at Toynbee Hall at the age of 10, an occasion marred by the fact that a practical joker had spread butter on his violin strings. Four years later, he won a scholarship to the Trinity College of Music and received private tuition in the violin, too. What he did not tell his father was that very often instead of going to lessons he parked his violin in the box office of a local cinema and spent the evening watching the films and listening to the

pianist play the sort of numbers he did not hear at college.

He was also known to play the

violin himself in a Commercial St cinema. At the age of 18, he was working professionally as a violinist at a cinema in Watford. Soon afterwards, he had two jobs simultaneously, in the orchestras of the Rialto Russian-lewish cabinet and the London Pavilion cine-

> orchestra and very soon afterwards was the number two shire or to one of the many the most popular haunts of Edward, Prince of Wales and

the Royal Household, playing at both private functions and State occasions at Bucking-

ham Palace and at Windsor. Perhaps the most important facet of his career was the fact that he knew which way his activities had to develop. From the mid-Thirties he broadcast regularly and his wartime Music While You Work programmes, and others in which he was featured several times a week, were eagerly awaited by a music-hungry public. He was a recording artist for what later became EMI for most of his

When the British Expeditionary Force landed in France, Joe Loss was there, too, with his band. Throughout the war he toured military establishments and munitions factories all over the country as well as in war zones overseas. After the war, he continued to tour the country with his band, often accompanied by a loyal group of fans who went virtually wherever he did, whether it was to a dance hall in Yorkappearances he made on Royal Variety Shows, His work entertaining the Royal Family was rewarded by his being appointed OBE in 1978, the year after receiving the Queen's Jubilee Medal. His

and Susan Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert

Marriages

Mr R.A. Dickinson and Miss S.F.C. Emilian

Cortambert, Paris, France.

Anastasia and Valentine

O'Donoghue, Laurens Pearson and Harry Dickinson.

Mr Rupert Allison, Mr Wil-liam Keeling, Miss Marguerite Fraser and Miss Lucy Heyward

A reception was held in Spello and the honeymoon will be spent in the Italian Islands.

A Service of Blessing took place on Saturday, June 2, at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, be-tween Simon Hood, elder son of Mr R.A. and Dr M.T. Hood,

and Judith Prickett, only daugh-ter of Mr D.W. Prickett and the late Mrs E.G. Prickett.

The bride was attended by Miss Samantha Clark, Miss Victoria Hood, Miss Josephine Pernt, Master James and Master Thomas-Leo True. The best man was Mr Nicholas True.

and Miss S.A.N. Miss
The marriage took place on
Tuesday, June 5, at St Peter's
English Church, Sienz, between Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft,
elder son of Mr S.F. Wheatcroft,
of Park Walk, Chelsea, London,

and of the late Mrs Wheatcroft, and Miss Sally Muir, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank

Muir, of Anners, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey, The Ven George

Mr G.A. Wheateroft

Western officiated.

and Miss S.A.N. Mair

WELL WITHOUTHER.

Mr SJ.P.B. Heed

and Miss J.M. Prickett

Esden, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Appointment" bandleader to by the Royal Family. The dance world presented him with its own "Oscar", the Carl Alan Award, 14 times.

> He was a well-known television personality, too, appearing on Independent Television from its outset in 1955. He frequently played on the Come Dancing programme. In more recent years, his bend did an annual stint on the QE2's world cruise (once being flown back to London so that he could play at the Queen's 50th birthday party) and he was on the ship when it sailed to China in 1979. He said one of the most momentous occasions in his life was when he played "In the Mood" and other Western "standards" in the People's

Republic for the first time. An example of his unique status in the world of entertainment was that he was twice chosen as the subject for television's This Is Your Life programme, introduced by Eamonn Andrews whom he himself had first brought over to Britain. Among his other discoveries were Vera Lynn and Spike Milligan, both of whom first broadcast in his

radio programmes. dressed figure - in more recent years in a white dinner jacket - contrasted greatly with the leaders of contemporary "bands". But he was always more than a conductor. Indeed one of his favourite sayings was that he had mar-

ried more people than any vicar - a reference to the large number of couples who claimed to have met at his dances. Loss was a highly energetic conductor. He moved on the bandstand quite as much as did the people for whom he was playing on the dance floor. He once fixed a pedometer to his shoe to try to discover just how much he did move in an evening. He found that he covered eight miles.

Joe Loss was a man who used to like recalling his past, His education at the Jewish Free School in Spitalfields in the East End made an indelible impression on him and he frequently said that it helped strengthen the roots that kept him in touch with the reality from which he might otherwise have escaped - particularly considering he was broadcasting weekly from the age of 23.

He was an intensely familyoriented man. When he put "playing with grandchildren" in his Who's Who entry none of his closest friends were surprised. At the time of his death, he and his wife Mildred, whom he married in 1938, were living in the same flat overlooking Regents Park to which they moved in 1946. The walls of one room were covered with photographs and memorabilia which he had collected over the years, including photographs of the two sovereigns for whom he played, King George VI and the present Queen, and the citations for his OBE and LVO.

One thing he could never remember was the number of records he had made. What he liked to recall was that his first discs were made for the Regal Zonophone Company who at the time principally boasted Gracie Fields and the Salvation Army. "I think", he said, "they found me a fairly good balance between the two." Most of his recording output - sometimes two or three sides a week - was for EMI who gave him a 50-year contract, a distinction he believed he shared only with a different kind of musician. Yehudi Menuhin.

Actually Loss was also a different kind of band leader. Even in his heyday he did not ssociate with his colleagues. "They were showmen", he said, referring to Geraldo and the others. "I just used to play for dancing." It was an understatement for a man whose name could guarantee Standing Room Only signs when he gave a dance band concert. He was also a very good

butinessman and had a number of small bands which he would hire out for private functions, sometimes under Loss's immaculately other people's batons. Last year, when his kidney problems were first diagnosed as serious, he was told by his doctors to retire. He did - and immediately signed on to play for a QE2 cruise.

He is survived by his wife, and by their son and daughter.

MAJ-GEN VICTOR CAMPBELL

Major-General Victor David Graham Campbell, CB, DSO, OBE, who died on June 3 at the age of 85, was Chief of Staff. Scottish Command, from 1954 to 1957. He was born on March 9, 1905.

THE name Victor Campbell was one to be conjured with in Highland regimental circles in the 1930s. He was the son of General Sir David Campbell, Commander of the Highland Division at the end of the First World War, and later Govemor of Malta, and his mother was Janet, daughter of Sir Robert Aikman of St Andrews, Judge of the High Court in Allahabad.

Educated at Rugby and Sandhurst, he won the King's Medal and the Anson Memorial Sword, and was commissioned into the Cameron Highlanders in 1924. Like his father, who won the Grand National in 1896 on Soarer, he was a fine horseman and a dedicated professional soldier, who would accept only the highest mili-tary standards — martinet, perhaps, but a constructive

Campbell set out to emulate his father, but the fates were unkind to him. He was Brigade Major in the 51st High-land Division in France in 1940, and was awarded the DSO for rallying a battalion during the withdrawal from the Somme. He was taken prisoner when the Division was trapped at St Valery. He lost none of his fire during his five years as a POW. On his release in 1945, he went straight out to the Far East as AQMG and then DA & QMG 15th Corps & HQ Netherlands East Indies during the British reoccupation of

Indonesia after the Japanese

surrender.

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He commanded his own battalion temporarily in Malaya before being promoted into the 1st Gordons. Within a year he had turned possibly the worst battalion in BAOR into one of the best. His creed was professionalism with fun. While imposing the strictest discipline, he had a very human and compassionate side to his character. His Jocks considered him hard but fair. He was somewhat unkindly portrayed in the film Tunes of Giory, based on the book by James Kennaway (a subaitern in the Gordons), in which Sir John Mills played "Colonel Barlow" brilliantly,

He commanded the 31st Lorried Infantry Brigade in BAOR in 1950 and was BOS Western Command for a short time before assuming his last appointment in the Army as Chief of Staff, Scottish Command, in 1954. He retired to Devon in 1957 where he put himself at the service of the county. He became Deputy Lieutenant and JP in 1962 and High Sheriff in 1968.

In 1974 he married Duke, widow of Lt Col J.A. Goodwin of the Welch Regiment. She now survives him together with his two step-children.

Memorial service

The Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Speaker attended a service of work of Lord Bruce-Gardyne held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated and the Bishop of Worcester said pray-

The Hon Adam Bruce-Gardyne and the Hon Tom Bruce-Gardyne, sons, read the lessons. The Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, read from Fly Fishing by Viscount Grey of Fallodon and Sir Michael Hordern read an extract from Measure for Measure by William Shake-speare. Lord Deedes gave an address. The Rev Roger Massingberd-Mundy was robed and in the Sanctuary. Among those present were:

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Lady (David) Keilly, Sir John and Lady Leathy, Sir Kenneth Levies, Sir Gilbert Levies, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir Benrick McNeil-Wilson, MP, and Lady McNair-Wilson. Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Fergas Montgomery, MP, Sir Tom Norman-tons, Sir David Price, MP, Lieutenant-General Sir David Ramsbotham (UK Field Army) and Lady Remsbotham, Sir John Red. Sir Robert Reds. Sir Julian Richtsle. MP, Sir Monros Sir McLeus Sir Julian Richtsle. MP, Sir Monros General Sendover, Sir David Remsbotham, Sir John Red. Sir John Lady Tusion Evans, Sir General Sendover, Sir Both, MP, and Lady Taspell, Lady Tusion Evans, Sir Gerard Vanigham, MP, Sir Robert and Lady Wade-Guy, Sir Davidian Wass. Sir John Wheeler, MP, Lady (William) willdinson, Sir Philip Woodrield, Sir Pesad and Lady Wright, Lieutersan-General Sir James Wilson, Sir John Loverige, Sir Pesar Thoma, Baros and Barones Robert Rechecklid. Mr and Barones Robert Rechecklid. Mr and the Rob Mr. Joseph Courth. Philips Woodrield Courth. Grove (editor. The Sinday Telegraph;
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Director), Count P F della Torre (La
Republico).

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained repre-sentatives of commerce and industry, city institutions and business, public services and the media and their escorts at the City banquet held last night at the Mansion House Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council and their escorts attended cil and their escorts attended. The Lord Mayor presented

Banquet

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Mr F.T. Inghem Clark and Miss S.E. Impey The engagement is announced between Thomas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Ingham Mr J.J.P. Almaism and Min J.C. Nettall The engagement is ann between Jonathan James Foskee, elder son of Lt Col and Mrs. B.F. Abraham, of Har-borough Farm, Gaddesby, Leicestershire, and Julie Claire, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. M.V. Nursall. Clark, of London, and Argyll, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr John Impey, of Ladbroke Walk, London, and Mrs Patricia Impey, of Montlaur, France. Mr M.H.D. Kemp

Mr E.G. Barham and Mim C.C. Tureball

The engagement is announced between Edward George, son of Mr and Mrs David Barham, of Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kens, and Clare Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Turnbull, of Cleabarrow, Windermere, Cumbrie.

Mr E.C. Chamberlayae The engagement is announced between Edward Charles, elder

son of Mr and Mrs Simon Chamberlayne, of Little Compton, Gloucestershire, and Zoë Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cursham, of East Leake, Leicentenhire.

Mr P.J. Downy and Miss T.J. Buckley The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of the

Downy, of Bromley, Kent, and Teresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Buckley, of Lancaster. Mr P.M. Edin and Miss S-A. Ardenia

The engagement is announced between Paul Max Edlin, of Burwash, Sussex, son of Mrs Marise Edlin, of Haywards Heath, and Mr Max Edlin, of Storrington, and Sally-Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Ardouin, of Canterbury. Mr R. Faragher

and Miss T. Dunlop.

Bill Dunlop, of Ealing, and Joan
Dunlop, of Horsham, are
delighted to announce the forthcoming marriage of their elder
daughter, Traci to Richard, only
son of Mr and Mrs Philip
Farenberg of Lede soo of Mr and Mrs Philip Faragher, of Lach Dennis, Cheshire.

Mr P.A. Parker The engagement is announced between Paul Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs V.Z. Parker, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Laura Elspeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Carrick McLelland, of Mr and Mrs Carrick McLelland,

manpstead, Devon.

The engagement is announced between Malcolm Hugh David, elder son of Prof C.D. and Dr A.W. Kemp, of St Andrews, Fife, and Naomi Melicent, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Brain, of Moreton-learnestead Devon.

of Wester Housebyres, Melrose Roxburghshire. Mr D.A.J. Pearce me Mim D.M. Rambord The engagement is announced between David Alastair James,

ider son of Mr and Mrs J.H.D. Pearce, of Edghaston, and Diana Mary, eider daughter of Dr and Mrs J.H. Ransford, of Sotton St Nicholas, Herefordshire. Mr N.L. Presiey

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Ian, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Presley, of Leatherhead, Sorrey, and Johnne, elder daughter of Mrs F.I. Nuttall, of Oxabott, Surrey, and Mr B.J. Nuttall, of Weybridge, Surrey. Mr J.C. Wardlew and Mim E.C. Buthurford

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wardlaw, of Norden Hill, Betchworth, Surrey, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rutherford, of The Old Rectory, Ladbroke, Warwickshire.

the Dragon Awards for Busines

involvement in the Community and the other speakers were Lord King of Wartonby and Sir

Brian Corby, President of the CBI. Among others present Land and Linty Parimeten, Lord and Laty Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Laty Muniten of Herbagey, Lady King of Warbashy, Lord and Salay Salay for the Environment and Mrs Portillo, the Minister of State for Transport and Mrs Presena. Mr Andrew Faulta, MP, and Mrs Paude, Dr John March, MP, and Mrs Paude, Mr and Mrs D H Hunter and Magar-Guerta and Mrs B C Walaker.

Requiem Mass Forthcoming marriages Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery Mr. C.O. Land Min. S.J. Edin The engagement is announced between Gregory Owen, son of Mr and Mrs Owen George Luton, of Brantiord, Ontario,

of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Mr Peter Slattery, son, and Sir Ross Stainton read the lessons. Mrs Philip Gates, daughter, said prayers and Admiral Sir Horace Law gave an address. Among those present

WCCC:
Ludy Stattery (widow). Dr and Mrs
David Stattery (son and daughter-inlaw). Mrs Peter Stattery (daughter-inlaw). Mrs Peter Stattery (daughter-inlaw). Mr and Mrs Adrian Gilpin. Mrs
Lionel Hobbs. Mr and Mrs Nichotas
Stattery. Miss Penelope Stattery and
Miss Jennifer Stattery (grandchildren).
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Mrs A Rosenorn-Lanne, Mr Justin
Rosenorn-Lanne, Mrs C Matzie. Mr
and Mrs Christopher Wood, Mrs
Jonnetta Stattery, Mrs Philip Brundley

Recorders

The following to be Recorders on the North Eastern Circuit:

The following to be Recorders on the Midland and Oxford Circuit: Caroline Alton, Peter John An-

drews, Michael Leon Brent QC, John James Cavell, William John Coker, Simon Tristram Hammond, Geoffrey Charles Wesson Harris QC, Christopher Peter Hotten, Stephen John Peter Hotten, Stephen John Linehan, Alistair William McCreath, William David Matthews, Peter Richard Morrell, Alan Douglas William Pardoe QC, John Henry Boulton Saunders, Philip Peter Shears, Michael George Thomas Stokes, Jonathan James Teare, William Rowley Wood (Miss Alton and Mr Hammond are solicitors).

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ruth Hamsan and Daniel Gough. Mr Tobias Lincoln's Inn Sir Thomas Eichelbaum, Chief Justice of New Zealand, to be an

Samery
Requiem Mass for Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Stattery was
celebrated yesterday by Father
Vincent Hawe, SJ, at the Church

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 26, at the Pieve Di San Fortunato, Montefalco, Italy, of Mr Alexander Dickin son, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dickinson, of Styford Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland and Miss Simonetta Emiliani, daughter of Signore and Signora Lanfranco Emiliani, of 40 Rue The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Chloe Edwards,

Joanella Stattery, Mrs Phillip Bromiley

Sir Basil and Lady Smallpeice,

Vice-Admirel Str Ian Hoop, Sir Peter

Frogan, Sir Owen Green (chairman,

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frey Style, Sir Francis Kennedy (also representing the Chairman of British Alrways). Captain F Milmer teperessing the Piris Sea Lord), Mr Richard Gondon (head of public affairs, Snort Brotinest) with Mr Mag. Warner, Mr Sont Brotinest, Occapital Mr Peut Jenness Malters' Company), Mr P de Salis Roule Goden, Bristol, Lieutenst (Coschnestert) and Coach Harness Malters' Company), Mr P de Salis Roule, Bristol, Lieutenst (Coschnestert) and Coach Harness Malters' Company), Mr P de Salis Roule, Bristol, Lieutenst (Coschnestert), Mr Calve Hunting (Chairman, Hunting), Resr-Admiral David Wilthess, Mr Jon Snow, Mr Harry Shodden, Mr David Jameson and Miss Eve Grundwill.

Trevor Wing Barber, Michael Lynn Cartlidge, Ian James Dobkin, Stephen John Gullick. Gerald Lumley, Alistair Grindiny McCallum, Michael King Mettyear, James Spencer, Leslie Spittle, Guy Whitburn QC, Miss Anna Frances Wynne Woolley.

Honorary Bencher.

Birthdays today

His Honour Sir Carl Aarvold, 83; Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 49; Mr Derek Barron, chairman and chief executive, Ford Motor Company, 61; the Right Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, 60; Sir Wilfred Cockcroft, educationist, 67: Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 78; Mr Martyn Goff, former chief executive, Book Trust, 67; Miss Alfreda Hodgson, concert singer, 50; Mr James Ivory, film director, 62: Mr P.G.E.F. Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 65; Mr Tom Jones, singer, 50; Lord

Royal Society of Chemistry

The Royal Society of Chemistry has made the following awards: has made the following awards: Professor A Townstend, University of Hill, for Anastral Bestform and Bestform an Loughborough, for Electroansalvicus
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Lid; Dr R W Richards, University of
Durham, for Macronobecules and
Polymers, sponsored by Courtanids
LP S F Campbell, Pizzer Lid, for
Medicinal Chemistry, sponsored by

Dinner

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First
Sea Lord, presided at a Navy
Board dinner held last night at
the Admiral Presidents House,
Greenwich, to mark the retirement of Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod as Commandant Marino Carroo as Commanganic General, Royal Marines. The other guests were: Lady Garrod, Lady Oswald, Admired Str Brian and Lady Bathurst, Vice-Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Ster-Vice-Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Sec-vice-Admiral and bors Kenneth Eston. Regr-Admiral and bors Kenneth Eston. Regr-Admiral and bors Kenneth Macdonald.

Service dinner

King's African Rifles and East African Forces Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the King's African Rifles and East African Forces Officers' Dinner Club held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Brigadier M.W. Biggs presided. Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Alport and Lord Brand were among others present.

Luke, 85; Sir Robert Lusty, publisher, 81; Sir Eric Mo-Dowell, chartered accountant, 65; Miss Virginia McKenna, acress, 59; Mr Dean Martin, singer and actor, 72; Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, director, Welsh Arts Council, 57; Mr Michael Pennington, actor and writer, 47; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 50; Mr Neal Radford, cricketer, 33; Mr Jim Rose, chairman, Runnymede Trust, 81; the Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 57; the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, 13: Miss Jessica Tandy, actress, 81; Mr John Turner, QC, Canadian politician, 61; Mr Mark Young,

Ampleforth College Scholarships 1990

trades unionist, 61.

Scholarships 1990
Academic
Major Scholarships: J.E. Hurth, Winchester House, Brackley: R.W. Creenchester House, Brackley: R.W. Creenwood, Gilling Castler, K.K. Zaman,
Birkadale School, Sneffield, and
Arapteforth College,
Minor Scholarshipt: H.P.B. Brady,
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Thorburn-Mulrhead, St. Piran's,
Masdemhead, P.L. Scutter, Junior
Brennan, The Ryleys School, Addertey
Edge: H.A.F. Jackson, Gilling Castler,
J.A. Fox-Tucker, Dragon School,
Oxford: E.M.C. Chambers, Pilgrims'
School, Winchester: A.J. Roberts,
Junior House, Ampletorth College:
D.H.F. Pace, St. Richard's,
D.H.F. Pace, St. Richard's,
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Association of **MBAs**

Association of MBAs — London and SE Region
The Association met at Regent's College London last night.
Charles Handy, Professor of
Management Development,
London Business School, discussed "New Careers for New Organizations". Chairman of the London Region, Mr Peter Rooke, presided and the speaker was introduced by Mr David Gravells, Chairman of the

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Rennie, civil engineer, East Linton, Lothian, 1761; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, prime minister 1812-27, London, 1770; William Daniel Conybeare, geologist, London, 1787. DEATHS: Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland 1306-29, Cardross, 1329; Johann Friedrich Hölderlin, poet, Tubingen, Germany, 1843; Jean Harlow, film actress, Los Angeles, 1937; Dorothy Parker, writer, New York, 1967; E M Forster, novelist and critic, Cov-BIRTHS: John Rennie, civil Forster, novelist and critic, Cov-entry, 1970; Philip Guston American painter, 1980; Henry Miller, American writer, 1980.

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AMEANS - On May 29th, at The Portland Hospital, to Georgia (nee Rosengarten) and Charles, a daughter, Alexandra. LUNDIRVIM - On June 7th
1930, in North Shields,
Howard to Elieen, now at
Hollywych. Cowden. Kent.

STOCK.CREECH - On June
7th 1930 at
Parish Church. Highfield.
Southampton. Ceoffrey
Charles to Molite Hasiock.
Now at Watlington, Oxon. Alexandra.

ALEXANDER - On July End.

to Kirsty (née Russell) and

David. 2 daughter. Zon. in Brunel, to Nicola (née Samuels) and Simon. a daughter, Georgina Anne Jaya, a sister for Charlotte.

DEATHS

AMEDIT - On June 2011. Peter James. aged 52 years, peacefully at home in Cradley. near Malvern. Worts. Beloved methand of Christine and father of Nigel and Richard. Funeral Service at Cradley Parish Church on Monday June 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. donalions if desired to Cancer Research Campaign. P.O. Box 41. Malvern. Worcs.. WR13 5NE.

MILLOH-On June 31st. Whit Sunday morning. 1990. Barrones Elizabeth Jestica Douglas tres chere ame viens monter à la maison éternelle...viens monter Mary.

Lattitud - On June 5th 1990. Jane Elizabeth (née Surting). dearest wife of 8lily. Sadly missed and much loved mother. grandmother. Funeral at Stopham. Tuesday June 12th at 3.30pm. Family flowers to Hollands. Terminus Road. Littlehampton.

BATES - On June 5th. at her home on Bowen Island/Bay. B.C.. Canada, aged 44. 'Dilloved wife of Richard and wonderful mother to Margot. Nicola and James. Donations if desired for Cancer Relief. (70 TSB. Rhyl. LL18 1RY. CARESWELL - On June 4th 1990. peacefully. Jean. B.Sc. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday June 11th at 1 pm. Flowers and enquiries please to Moislers. 25A Seiton Street. Southport, Merseyside. Its: (2700). Service 200. DEATHS Jaya, a sister for Charlotte.

PASSIONES - On May 27th
1990, at The John Radcliffe
Hossital, to Judith (née
BécEntes) and John, a
daugher, Käherthe Crico.

BEACH - On Jupe 4th, to
Marjorie (née Dykes) and
Michael a John, a brother for
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Shora (née McKellar) and John et Odmoch Hospital.

Shisbory. a daughter.
Catriona Encalent. a saint for Fenrica Alexander.

June 1st. at St. Luke's Hospital.

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Goldford. to Lucinda and Tim, a daughter. Polity Scarlett. a saint for Dalsy.

BAYES On June 4th, at The

Scarbit a since for Dalsy,
BAY65 - On June 4th, at The
Gloucestershire Royal
Hospital. In Jane and
Berham, a daughter. Natalin
Jane. a sister for Zoe.
BAY65 - On May 20th, to
In ma ther Stoury and Cerry,
a daughter. Jennifer Sarah.
BK6N - On June Sth. to
Louise (née Davies) and
Peter. 3 son. Joshua.
ELGOT - On May 29th 1990,
to Berrace and Howard. a
daughter. Miranda Caroline,
sectional Companies.
Section 1990, to Dame 4th
1990, to Dam. wife of John. a
caroline. genance-pearsts. On June 1st. to Nurt (née Montgomer) and lan, a daughter Rebecca Sarah. Sarah Watter (No. 200 June 3rd 1990, at UCH, to Cate and Frederick Graham-Watson, a son, Rory William. and enquiries please to Moisters, 25A Serion Street, Southport, Merseyside, tel: (0704) 501501.

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BRUMBHOND - On June 8th.
Patricla. belowed wife of
Commander James
Drummond after a long and
panful illness borne with
magnificent courage.
Cremation at Saisbury
Crematorium at 2.15 pm on
Wednesday June 15th.
Family flowers only. but donations if desired to Cancer
Research c/o G. Burden.
Church Street, Amesbury.
CREBONS - On Tuesday June KELLY - On June 3rd. at The portland Hospital, to Anna (née Jensen) and Michael, a daughter, Victoria Anna. guappe. On June 1st 1990, to Colin and Amanda, in Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, a beautiful daughter. Charlotte Ettacem June. LEE - On June 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anion and Stephanic, a daughter. Tara Etizabeth.

Church Sirvet. Amesbury.

GBBONS - On Tuesday June
Sth 1990. peacefully at
Sexon Cainic, Militon Keynes.

after a short liliness. Sirenda
Barbara. aged 51 years. of
Sparrow Hall Cottages.

Edlesborough. Now sadly
missed by her husband Peter
and son Darran. The funeral
service will take place on
Tuesday June 12th at St.
Mary's Church. Eaton Bray
siz pm. followed by burial at
St. Mary's Churchyard.

Edlesborough. Flowers and
enquiries to H.W. Mason & portland Hospital, to Anton and Stephanie, a daughter. Tara Etrabeth.

LEMMER - On June 4th, at The Portland Hospital. to Vivienne (nie Romien) and Stephen, a son. Robert Jay.

LETTER - On June 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Luc.

Lydia and Ceime, a son and brother, David Robad. West London Houstel West London Hospital, London, to Susan and Matthew, a son, Alfred Patent Towns. Si Mary's Churchyard, Edizaborough. Flowers and enquiries to H.W. Mason & Son. Bridge House. Victoria Road. Bietchiey, Bucks., tel: (2008) 642700. KEINTY - On May 24th 1990. In Dublin, Dr. E. Shella Kenny, widow of Hamilton Kenny, widow of Hamilton Kenny, mother of Eizzabeth Anna and Milani

patent Thomas.

GFFORD - On May 30th, to Elizabeth (nás Gascoigne) and Peier, a son, Nicholas Alvery Harcourt, a brother for Venetia.

GEN-EWING - On June 2nd, to Fleur (nás bingid) and Could be seiser for Cordella and Indiante for Francis and In

Jacobi
PREST - On June Sth. al
Queen Charlotte's Hospital.
to Catrions (nie Crais
Harvey) and Tath. a son.
Edward Hugh.
RANGH-EVETZAN - On June RABEN-LEVETZANI - On Juste 2nd 1990, to Matthew and Barah-Jame, a see. Frederick Michael James.

BORERTSON - On Juse 4th. to Judy Onde Pascocki and John, a see. Edward James. a brother for Charlotte and Georgins.

SMITH - On Juse 1st. at The Portland Hospital, to Melanis (née Broughton) and Matthew, a son. Shamus Oliver.

Oliver.
Univer: On June 3rd, to Aline and Jeffrey, a daughter, Josephine Claire, a sister for Course. Josephine Came.

WAKE - On June 4th, to Claire
(née Vinten) and Philip, al
home with the independent
Midwives, a son, Marcus
Philip. A brother for
Charlotte and Suzannah, and
always
Edward with love.

Sist, to Anne
and Peter, a son, Thomas.
Zen Er - On May 30th, at The
Portland Hospital, to
Elisabeth (née van Eyken)
and Gerd, a son, Timothy
Jonetham. Praised be the
Lord. JUN 7

SOME 50 years ago there seems to have been something of a revival of natural methods of raising chickens

with broady hens not only sitting on

wun orgony nens not only string on clutches of eggs, but rearing their chicks as well. As so often in the past, the Light Susser fowl was praised for her maternal qualities.

POULTRY

DEVELOPMENT

A RETURN TO NATURAL

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

A feature of the past breeding season has been the number of people

who, forsaking the principles of mass

production and intensivism, have

reverted so far to natural habits as to

employ hens for hatching and rear-

on half a dozen sitting hens at any

schedule. Experienced breeders de-

clare that most of the failures with

sitting hens are due to irregular

feeding; and it is apparent that the

farmer who employs hens on a mass scale is not troubled with their

vagaries to the same extent as the

It must not be assumed that this

movement indicates a general abandonment of artifical methods of

hatching and rearing, mainly for the reason that while individual experi-

ments may be quite successful it would be impossible to obtain suf-

ficient hens just when they were most

needed. The fecund properties of the

modern commercial hen have been

developed without regard to

reproductive instincts.

average amateur.

LAWRENCE - On June 5th 1990, peacefully in his steep. Ivor Douglas Lawrence, instructor Lieut. R.N. trettred). Born 1901. husband of Joy, father and grandfather of Peter, Diana. Anthea. Jensulvan and Beatrice. Author of "A Navall Schoolmaster Looks Back". Funeral private, no flowers. Memorial Service to be arranged. Donations in Municip Selectors 50ctety. 25 file Rd. Loodon SW6 1EE. **ANNIVERSARIES** ANNIVERSARIES

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MACLEAN - On June 5th.

peocefully in hospital, after a long litness. Major Gardon Maclean M.C., late The Cordon Highlanders, beloved husband of Anne and adored father. father-la-law and grandpa. Private cremation followed by a Service of Tranksgiving at All Sainis Church. Odiham. near Basingsloke. Hampshire. on Tuesday June 12th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The British Lung Foundation. Kingsmead House, 250 Kings Road. London SWS SUE.

MARNHAM - On June 6th

Road. London SW3 SUE.

MARKHAM - On Jume 6th
1990, peacefully at home
after a long illness
courtageously borne.
Margaret Elizabeth mel
loyce), wife of Leonard
Markham of Tithe Farm.
Renhold. Bedfordshire.
Widow of Anthony Le Fanu.
Beloved mother of Joseph.
Anthony, Sarah. David and
Jerenty and much loved
sister of Jack. Fineral
Service at All Salms Church.
Renhold. on Monday Jume
11th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or
donations in ald of Cancer
Research to Carabul &
Plumbe. Kingsway. Bedford.

MARTER - On June 5th, aged MARTEN - On June 5th, aged 96, Helen Margaret Hardinge (Meg), daughter of General Sir Mairolm Grover K.C.S.L. K C.L.E. Widow of Colonel C. de C. Martin I.M.S. Adored and adering mother of Peggy (Davidson). Peter and the late Diana Grandmother of

(Davidson), Peter and the late Diana. Grandmother of Flona and David. great-grandmother of Robert, Charite. Enuma and Freddle. Loved and admired by her friends of all ages as someone very special. Funeral Holy Trinity. Haddington, on Monday June 11th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cretation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St. Columba's Hospice. Boswall Road. Edinburgh 5.

Boswall Road. Edinburgh 5.

BicHAURTY - On June 2nd. at Longdown Nursing Home. Hashemer, Norah. aged 96.
She was associated for 80 years with Bedford College. London, as student and later Registrur and Governor, and with Christ's Hospital. She had a wide circle of friends and was a generous supporter of her many interests. She was much lowed by her family and the many who knew her. Fungral Service at 85 Christopher's Green. Hashemers, at 5 pm June 20th. followed by grivate cremation at Godaining. Family flowers only. All welcome at the Church.

welcome at the ChurchNECHOLLS - On June 8th. his birthday, peacetully in the Oid Manor House Nursing Home. Feigham. West, Sussen. Brigadier A.W. (Nitch Nicholis C.I.E., O.B.E., aged 91 years. Dearly loved father of Jean and Richard. father-th-law of Wendy, grandfeither of Diana, Sarah and Guy, grani-grandfather of Helen. Emily and James. Crementon at Chichesiar at 9 am on Friday June 8th. Family flowers only piezae. Denaitons to the Busma Ster Association. 51 8t Cornye's Drive. London 6WIV 4DE. Kenny, momer of Anne and History
Anne and History
June 6th 1990. James
Ledinsham, M.R.C.V.S.,
pencefully at Pertin Royal
infirmary. The beloved
husband of the late Edith
Jersica the Nichel). Much
loved father to Alison. Elmor
and Caroline and Bapa to
Cartiona. Pumrai Service in
Pertin Crematorium on

PILLCARIC - On June 2nd. in Buenos Aires, peacarhairy after a long limes, Samon, beloves faither of transa-Stancomb, grandfather of Christopher and Milens. PRINCENSE - On June 5th 1990, pencentily at the Edinburgh Royal infirmary. In her 103rd year, Dora Margaret MacPeriume. beloved wife of the late Rev. Perth Cremeterium on Friday June 8th at 1.46 pm. Friends and colleagues are On June 6th.

Abort G.H. Pinhorne. Identify Recisor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Ardrossan. Arrahire and daughler of the late Andrew's Episcopal Church. Ardrossan. Arrahire and daughler of the late Andrew Drysdale MacFarlane. FSC. formetly Town Cerk of Musselburgh. Requiem Mass at St Mitchael's and All Saims Episcopal Church. Brougham Place. Edinburgh. at 1.13 pm on Friday June 8th 1990. to which all friends are invited. Private interment thereafter in Inversik Churchyard, Musselburgh. No flowers at her own request.

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Loss L.V.O., C.B.E. Beloved
husband of Mildred, devoted
father of Jannifer. David and
Robert, dearly loved grandsa
of Paul, Andrew. Maris and
Dant and friend to so many.

Pluneral Service June 7th
1. Sopm Bushey Juwish Cemstery, Sardy Lane, Bushey.

LOW On June 1st, suddenly,
in Chobbarn, Burney, aged
70. Lt-Cal. Donald
Alexander, M.C., R.A.

(rer'd). Dearly loved husband
of Anne and beloved father
of David and Dians, fatherin-law to Jensy and toving
grandfather of Alexander
and Jonathan. Appreciated
and sadly missed by many
friends. Private family
cremation at 8t John's,
Woking, on Friday June 8th.
followed by a Thanksgiving
Service at 8t Lawrence
Church, Chobbant, Tuesday
June 26th at 2.50 pm.
Donattors in lieu of flowers,
if desired, to R.S.P.C.A. Clo
Woking, Gu21 11.R. her own request.

POOLE - On June 4th 1990, in hospital. Kennard Metville, of Highgate. brother of Engine Chaptin. Funeral Service at St. Michael's. South Grove. No. on Tuesday June 12th at 2.30 pm. (othowed by St. Marylebone Crematorium. East End Road. N2. Flowers it desired to Leverton & Sons. 624 Finchier Road. NW11. or donations to Hill Homes. Denewood Road. Highgale. No 4AQ. ON THIS DAY 1937

> regard this as an advantage, until physical weakness suggested that constant laying was taking too much out of the birds and that a spell of broodiness afforded a welcome rest from production.

> > LIGHT SUSSEX BREED

In recent years the tendency

among laying stock of the heavy breeds has been for broodiness to

occur later in the season, and in some

cases to disappear. Pedigree breeders

of laying stock have been disposed to

The effect has been to reduce the supply of broody hens in winter, when they could render most useful service; and those which became broody in late spring, when very few were wanted except for pheasant rearing, were put into repression coops and brought back into lay as quickly as possible. Conditions are different with the Light Sussex, for this breed in spite of the more recent efforts of laying specialists— has been bred so long for winter egg-production combined with seasonempsoy mens for naturing and rearing. There have been instances of 10,000 chicks being reared on one farm—all under hens, employing a small army of broodies and entailing, able broodiness, with a view to raising early table chicken, that the domestic character has not yet been lost. Of all the pure breeds the Sussex is most frequently seen performing maternal duties, while many people one might think, endless labour in attending to their wants. But those declare that a Sussex cross is even who have been accustomed to waiting more desirable than the pure stock. Modern commercial poultry practice odd times little realize how much does not favour a cross with the time can be saved when 100 or more Silkie, the best of all mothers, for the are accommodated, fed, and managed reason that while the old-time breedsystematically, with a rigid time

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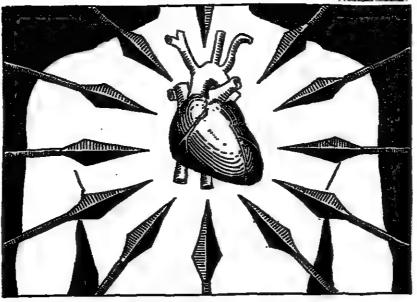
ichael Jackson, the 31-year-old eccentric singer who, despite selling more than 40 million copies of a single album, is almost as well known for the plastic surgery he has employed to redesign his face, as his voice, suffered chest pain this week severe enough to warrant his admission to hospital. He and his doctors, were concerned lest he had suffered a coronary thrombosis. The causes of chest pain are legion and in Mr Jackson's case the list must be even longer than usual, and the diagnosis trickier, for as well as being a fitness fanatic who is accustomed to spending hours a day torturing his body with violent physical exercise he is also a food faddist, who it is rumoured, lives for months on vegetables and brown

Reports that a coronary had been diagnosed as a result of a single blood test which showed that the level of a cardiac enzyme was higher than usual are unlikely to be accurate. The diagnosis of a coronary thrombosis by plotting the blood levels of three enzymes, creatinine phosphokinase, CPK, the aspartate amino transferase, AST, and hydroxybutyrate dehydroenase, HPD, which rise at different but predictable times over the three days following a heart attack, is always difficult; these tests are usually used only to provide confirmation of the evidence already raised from suspicious

In Mr Jackson's case, because of his enthusiasm for punishing exercise, the enzyme changes would be even more difficult to interpret than usual. For just as the muscle damage following a coronary thrombosis causes changes in the three enzymes, so does limb muscle damage caused by violent physical exertion. When, for instance, the enzymes of a hospital scientist were checked after a recent marathon they were found to be more than twice the upper limit of normal. The fraction of the first enzyme to rise, CPK, which can be related to heart muscle damage, can be separated from that due to damaged limb muscle but it is unlikely that a single reading would be considered

Slimming, too, might have confused the diagnosis. Mr Jackson is reported to be conscious of every superfluous ounce. Excessive dieting when accompanied by a low protein intake causes muscle loss from the heart which can result in an irregular heart rate which might well give rise to either chest pain, or the palpitations which patients often describe as chest discomfort.

Heart attacks in the early thirties are rare, but when they do occur it is usually because the patient belongs to the I per cent of the population who have inherited a tendency to hyperlip-idaemia, either a high blood cholesterol,



or more rarely an increase in one of the other blood fats. These patients will need medical treatment with lipidlowering drugs as well as dictary advice. Health education campaigns designed to reduce the incidence of heart disease by altering the lifestyles of whole communities by discouraging smoking, sloth and an over-fondness for satu-rated fats, are directed at the other 99 per cent of the population. There is evidence from those countries which have concentrated on health education that the reduction in heart disease which has followed the campaigns is in part due to a change in habits as well as to the natural ebb and flow of any disease. In a trial in Finland in the area which was subjected to a very intrusive campaign, the heart attack rate fell by 24 per cent, whereas in the control area only by 12. Other trials suggest that improving diet by choosing foods rich in the anti-oxidants, vitamin C, vitamin E and betacarotene may also reduce the

chance of heart disease

A danger on the doorstep

Ambridge is still at his primary school, he is already following in the fostoot, sis father Eddie, grandfather characters, his father Eddie, grandfather Joe, and his wicked uncle, a recidivist who makes only occasional appearances in the town. William's crime was to steal the milk off the doorsteps. He is not alone in doing this but unlike the magnes and jackdaws who have been taking the milk-bottle tops in parts of rural Northumberland he did take the whole bottle and not leave a residue of milk behind contaminated by campylobacter jejuni, which is the most common reported cause of acute diarrhoea in the United Kingdom. Four doctors from the Gateshead and Newcastle area who have been studying

outbreaks of campylobacter enteritis in the Gateshead area have been publish-

ing their findings in The Lancet.

Most of the 58 cases in one ontbreak of diarrhoea could remember drinking cold milk which had already been attacked by birds. This small epidemic occurred over a three-month period on a housing development near to open countryside and many of the residents of the housing estate had seen magpies or jackdaws pecking at the milk tops. Nine milk bottles, four with their seals

intact and five whose caps had been pecked, were examined at the local public health laboratory; no un-damaged bottle showed evidence of campylobacter but two of those ravaged

by the birds were infected. Campylobacter has been isolated from the beaks of jackdaws, but the doctors are still unable to explain on medical or ornithological grounds why the outbreak was so localized, and why it was confined to a comparatively short

period between May and July.

Full plates for starters, please

here is increasing evidence that the traditional, but unpopular, advice to toddlers that if they want to grow up as big and strong as their parents they should eat up their food is scientifically sound. Data is now being presented which confirms nanny's contention that a child's cating pattern not only in the first few years of life, but also in the first few months, helps to determine its physical prowess as well as its intellectual ability in later life. The exact relationship is hard to prove because the effects of malnutrition are so often confounded by other aspects of poverty. Most studies have concentrated on the influence of long-term mainutrition, but in a recent letter to The Lancet, four Portuguese paediatricians compared the later development of 19 babies who suffered severe temporary weight loss when under the age of six months with a control group matched for home back-ground and class. The study showed that even a short period of mainutrition in early infancy, despite in these cases being followed by a rapid recovery, carried with it the risk that at school age the previously affected children would be smaller and less intelligent than the control group, and not as well-devel-oped as would be expected from the study of their brothers and sisters. Dr Alan Lucas, from the Medical

Research Council's nutrition unit at Cambridge, has also been working on the importance of early feeding. In order to separate the effect of other socio-economic factors often associated with early malnutrition, factors which would be likely to provide a lack of intellectual stimulation, he is studying the long-term influence of minor changes in the feeding formula of 1,000 premature children who were randomly assigned to different but apparently nutritionally acceptable diets currently used in established medical practice. He has already shown that even very minor changes in the formula in the first month of life can have a significant influence in the baby's physical and intellectual growth judged by the times that they pass the milestones of the first year or two of childhood. His work already supports existing, but less statistically sound, evidence derived from retrospective studies which suggested that not only is a child's physical and mental development affected by early feeding but also its later ability to withstand infection, its likelihood of developing allergic or auto-immune disease, and even its liability to have a heart-attack in middle-age. Dr Lucas stresses that development of the brain is particularly dependent on good feeding in the first two years of life in general, and the first month or two in particular.

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ter of life and death, the late Bill Shankly once told his critics in a moment of exasperation, "it's more important than that". The man who almost single-handedly meteral Literapol's feetures. restored Liverpool's fortunes would have been fascinated by the findings of a fellow Scot, Dr George Masterton. His research has given scientific weight to what Mr Shankly understood instinctively: that for the committed fan, the influence of a sport extends far beyond the stadium.

Dr Masterton, consultant psychiatrist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, found that attempted suicides and referrals for mental illness in the area dropped significantly life and football widows you during, and for some time after, the past four World Cups. "The numbers were he says. "It's not just the tournament itself, because the effect seems to last for about eight weeks afterwards. Nor is it only to do with Scotland participating, because they were knocked out in the first Stages on each occasion.

Somehow the football is a catalyst; it changes the way people behave and interact cides also drop because people

Does the excitement of a big match make people nicer and more tolerant?

> Liz Gill investigates

something eise to talk and think about. What is particubarly interesting is that the rates also dropped for women, whereas when you hear all the talk about disruption of family might expect them to go up." says, is that men and women spend less time with each

other during big sporting events and therefore have fewer opportunities for conflict. But that would not explain the post-tournament figures. "I wonder if it makes people nicer, more tolerant towards each other," he

Dr Masterton believes his people behave and interact with each other. We don't know exactly how or why. It may be similar to what happens in wartime, when suicides also drop because results. worked in Somerset, for instance, no one was interested are distracted from their per-

in football, but they cared passionately about cricket. And you might get the same effect with rugby in Wales."

Football can be enormously influential on a community's well-being says John Williams, co-director of the Centre for Football Research at Leicester University. "In 1972, when Sunderland unexpectedly won the FA Cup against Leeds United, employers on Weamade said levels of production went up, because the win raised morale so much. It's also said that when West Ham won the cup a couple of years after that, there was an upward blip in the birth rate in the East End

of London nine months later. "Although football is expensive to police, the police themselves argue that it saves A possible explanation, he massive costs elsewhere in terms of social problems. Your team's success can b good for you psychologically."

There can be negative as-pects as well, Mr Williams says. "Anger and unhappiness about a game can spill over into other areas of life. You hear of men attacking their wives after an argument over the television. And if you over-identify with a team you can lose your sense of yourself as an individual." Mr Williams believes the

game offers men a muchneeded outlet for their emotions. "Football is an excuse to cheer, shout abuse, let off



Breaking the social rules: football gives men a much-needed outlet for emotions. "It is an excuse to cheer, shout abuse and let off steam'

earn and hug other men. Speciators do that as well as layers when a goal is scored. Modern society offers men very few chances to show their

Dr John Pazey, a psycholo-gist in the Sport Health and Physical Education Department at the University of North Wales, in Bangor, says the most important element of big sporting events is the escape they offer from other problems. "If you've had a frustrating day and you come home and spend two hours or more watching a match on television, then by the time it's finished the things that were upsetting you may have been forgotten. Over the next month we're going to have a

lot of people having a good believes there is a trickle-deal of time out from their down effect from big sporting warries."

Watching the World Cup might be psychologically beneficial, but sitting slumped in front of the screen for hours is unlikely to improve physical health unless it inspires the viewer to exercise. Dr Fazey says this does happen. "Governing bodies of various sports often say they're inundated with requests after when lots of little girls suddenly want to become gyntnasts. The interest, however, does tend to dissipate after a

John Balding, director of the Schools' Health Education Unit at Exeter University,

down effect from big sporting occasions. The marathon leads to the mini-marathon, which in turn leads to the village fim run. Often, though, the big event only inspires those who are already highly motivated, he says.

scohol and sootball seem inextricably linked in this country in a way, Mr Williams says, that they are not elsewhere, and this seems to apply both to spectators at the match and at home. According to Dr Masterton, alcohol-related problems, both physical and mental, soar during the World

Cup: the rate is double the

average in the last week of the most people, it could trigger an attack in someone with a Increased alcohol consump-

tion is often accompanied by snatched meals or junk food snacks, "You can put on a fair bit of weight in a month. which can then be hard to shift," says Dr Alex Mills, senior registrar in public health medicine at the Health Education Authority. "It's better to eat something like fruit rather than crisps and to 20 for a walk round the block at half-time and to drink moderately."

The thrills of a sport have a physiological effect on the spectator, releasing adrenalin, pushing up the pulse rate and raising the blood pressure. Although this is harmless for

heart condition, Dr Mills says,

When Dr Mesterton roule a computer search of medical literature to see if anything had been done on physical bealth in this field, all he found was a study done in West Germany in 1974, which showed a substantial increase in the number of patients with cardiac difficulties. "And that was the year they won," he says. "I'm sure it is psysiologically stressing, but I think the stress is probably related to expectations. Germany expected to do well that year. I think it's probably even worse if you have your expectations raised and then dashed by losing."



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AS DIRECTOR of Friends of the Earth, I see bealth issues as a great mobilizing force. I spent about 20 years working for the TUC and trade unions trying to preserve and enhance the health of people at work that's where my passionate interest lies. And now, with FOE of course I'm concerned with the health of the planet I try to keep as fit as possible

I lead a pretty stressful life, doing very demanding jobs and taking very seriously the care of three children and the household. To keep fit and stave off a heart attack, I run pretty frequently. Once or twice a week I swim, and every Sunday morning I get up at seven o'clock to play tennis. Every morning when I get up I make a point of doing

seven minutes' exercise -partly psychological in order to get a grip on the day and relax, partly as a means of keeping fit. Thirty press-ups and 15 knee-bends and a variety of other exercises. If I'm feeling depressed or out of control of life I tend not to want to do the exercises, so it becomes a little psychological hook to get hold of, to drag you back into tackling the world in the way it should be tackled. I tend to eat a lot and rapidly, which probably doesn't do me any good, but at 43 I'm in remarkably-good



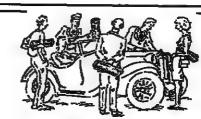
aren't given any encouragement. I have three dustbins one each for newspapers, botand every two or three weeks I pass a very good local au-thority collection point and

We've got four bikes at home. I used mine a lot last year during the rail strike. The fume levels were appallingly high. It was most unpleasant — the smell and realization that you were breathing in lowlevel carcinogens from the

diesel fumes. I've always been an op-timist, and I remain so even though the problems we face are large. Probably there is only this decade left in which to take the right steps to save the world.

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Old furies behind the fine façade

THESE STORIES are terrific. It's as if Edna O'Brien were an actress who had been one of the great ingénues of the age, playing Juliet and Desdemona (with the odd ambitious stab at Cleopatra), until she could go through the mazy motions of despairing love in her sleep. And then the actress takes a leap in the dark, and discovers that she has the authority and the resources to do something different

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The 12 stories are still inimitably O'Brien, in their lyric appreciation of handsome men and home-made cakes, in their now stylized Irish lih, intensities, and spelling mistakes. Her throwaway details are as spot-on as ever, as when she instantly characterises a doting childless couple by remarking that they "make their own butterscotch". Her sometimes uneasy combination of pinched genteelisms with wild, inspired phrases and images makes new and complete sense in this collection, in which behind the prim and proper façades of houses — and of people — chaotic impulses and furies suddenly

erupt.
The narrator in "Epitaph" sees everyone as holding on, containing their violent emotions - just. "If their skins were peeled off, or their chest bones opened, they would literally burst apart." Jealousy, indecency, hysteria, demen-tia, howlings, and weepings break out in these stories, leaving shockwaves. In "Oft in the Stilly Night", a devout woman in an Irish village, who does the church flowers for the reception of a visiting preacher, bursts apart in obscene madness, raped by a lily, exposing grey pubic hair to the

O'Brien is still writing about love - the "bulwark between life and death" - but love of various kinds, and not always named. The ageing Irish farm woman in "Brother" – which is funny as well

Victoria Glendinning on the new collection of short stories from a veteran pro of love, only bulwark between life and death

mutteringly about the years she has spent "making his porridge and emptying his worshipful po" and rubbing liniment into his back down to the puddingly bits, the lupins", which has led to more intimate services. Now the brother plans to supplant her with a wife. The bitter sister has plans, "Roll on nuptials, Daughter of death is

The archetypal O'Brien heroine, obsessively mulling over a lover who let her down, is still here. "When you left, I marched and marched about my room, uncontainable." But the emphasis

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has changed. The woman alone in a seaside hotel in "Another Time" less go of the past as of some awful affliction, and what concerns the woman in "Epitaph", by the end of the story, is how to escape the prison of her love. She can see that "ours was a small tragedy", com-pared with the real tragedies of the world. "It is not that one cannot bear the parting it is really that one cannot bear the meeting, because of so many constraints." This question of how to part

meets by chance the man she loves and who left her. It is she who refuses to resume the affair, knowing it cannot last, "no longer afraid of her emotions, no longer raving about bays and bougainvil-lea, but reaching right down to the root of the love or the lingering love that was there, hauling him out of himself, shedding the lies and the little pretences, forsaking the wobbly balustrade that had been theirs". This is good writing;

and good thinking.
In "Storm", the most accomplished story in the book, lovers are seen from the outside, with "an awful clarity" and something worse than irritation, by an older woman. She is on holiday in the Mediterranean with her son and his adoring girlfriend. "She sees her age and her separateness much more painfully here than when at home." Like other women in this collection, she feels she will "erupt and erupt", and, like the weather, she breaks. This is a very honest story, and includes a virtuoso evocation of the mother's nervous anxiety, guaranteed to produce extreme vicariously maternal agitation in any reader.

It's a measure of the confidence and quality of this collection that one notices the relationship of the title story with Joyce's The Dead without a critical qualm, "Lantern Slides" is about "a smart gathering in a select part of the outskirts of Dublin - full, as Mr Conroy said of nobs". Which means, of course, that the party was none of those things. But behind the pathetic boastings and subterfuges "you could feel the longing in the room, you could touch it"; and defying Joyce, O'Brien ends not elegiacally but with a bursting-out of life and hope. (It's not as good, but it's good.) The deserted wife for whom the party is given an-nounces that "being of a certain age' is not the worst time in a woman's life". O'Brien in her prime proves the point.



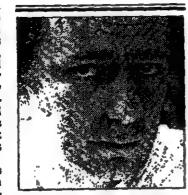
Flies in the ointment

"decently" is the subject of "Long Distance", where the heroine

IT IS 1983 and Moses Berger keen angler, scholar, and part-time drunk - is searching for a salmon fly among all the paraphernalia he has accumulated during his research into the mysterious life of Solomon Gursky, gambler, bootlegger, and Renaissance man. It takes Moses a good 400 pages to find the fly (as well as the truth about Solomon), and while he sifts through his papers and the past, we are flashed backwards and forwards through the lurid history of five generations of the Gursky dynasty, a larger-than-life collection of priapic millionaires and cannibalistic convicts who (thanks to Solomon) have gradually built up an immensely rich business empire across Canada.

The wit, depth, and wickedness of this resonant novel suggest a happy synthesis of Dickens, Maicolm Lowry, and Philip Roth. It is given added zing and mystery by a shuffled chronology that is both fashionably post-modern, and evocative of Moses's chaotic filing system. Constructed on a grand Michael Wright

SOLOMON GURSKY WAS HERE By Mordecai Richier Chatto & Windus, £13.95



scale, with a huge dramatis personae ranging from a tribe of inuit to Sir Peter Hall and Ken Tynan (in a non-speaking role), the interweaving of fact and fiction is so beguiling that I was forced to look

up the Gurskys in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, just in case. At times, Richier's historical research threatens to overload the system; old Ephraim Gurksy wanders through Victorian London "mindful of dippers and gonophs, moving on smartly whenever he espied a peeler"; this, from a

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is a triffe showy.

The robust Jewishness of the main characters is at times grotesquely firmay, at others funnily grotesque, as Richler pushes the tereotypes firmly in the direction of burlesque. Meanwhile the Inuit sections provide scope for some buttock-clenching gore: "He found him . . . chewing greedily on a raw seal's eye, sucking the goodness out of it." Ugh. The gargoyles may be hideous,

There is delicious subtlety in the way that symbols and leitmotivs recur and resonate. This is a very fine work: a treasure-house of detail that demands concentra-

PERFECTLY understandable mistake. Because the Japanese habitually put surnames first, Amos Kingsley, distinguished writer of My Ass and I: a Journey by Donkey in the Highlands, Fairest Fair Isle: a Pattern of History, and a positively anorexic volume of undergraduate verse, finds himself elected to the presidency of the World Association of Authors in mistake for his, well, slightly more distinguished near sake. With unexpected greatdiscovers a hitherto unsuspected genius for the splitting of diplomatic hairs, papering over apparently vast ideological divides with "formulas" so vaguely

worded as to offend no one and mean nothing. Amos's perticular misfortune, though, is to have to chair the most controversial world congress the WAA has ever held. The host nation, Malindi, has a strikingly poor record for jailing dissident writers, and Amos is already somewhat mal vu in the international literary community, for having contributed a glowing preface to a Festschrift celebration of a writer of whom he has read not a syllable, but who turns out to have

The garbage of lit. activists

berantly fellowtravelling Nazi. **VISITING CARDS** To make mat-By Francis King Constable, £11.95 ters worse, his unfaithful scold

Kingsley might have hesitated. Where most men settle for one anima figure, Amos has acquired two. While Laura waltzes off with a local British

so shrewish that

even Amis.

Council man. the Swedish delegate Margaretta Svenson greedily eyes the presidency. Margaretta quickly recognizes that the lousy Malindian record on freedom of expression coupled with the present incum-

bent's spinelessness (read: diplomacy) - is her trump card. Francis King

unusually effective President of International understands the politics junketing particularly well. Where the best

of his recent novels - Acts of Darkness and The Woman Who Was God -

have disguised their humour in a black exterior, Visiting Cards is a confection with a tooth-breakingly hard centre. King sees literary politics, with the Rushdie affair an inescapable presence, as a kind of touch with everyday realities. The book's most telling moment comes when a WAA delegation visits the imprisoned writers in Malindi's Lubjanka, and pile in with an earnest set of questions about food, accommodation, toilet facilities. These, though, are the observious of privilegated months. the obsessions of privileged people on a freebie, not of prisoners of conscience. All they are concerned about is the denial of writing material. King pushes home the point by having Amos, driven to self-abuse by the disappearance of his wife, and by a rather nonspecific lust for the tiny Japanese versifier who is his sponsor, mistake her scroll-poem (which is in itself a rare evidence of actual literary activity) for a Kleenex.

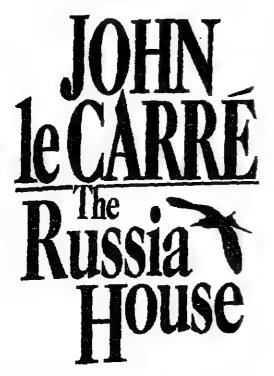
Satirically, King is working a long exposed seam, with Bradbury's Rates of Exchange, Lodge's Small World, and Stoppard's Professional Foul all before him. What he suggests, though, in a very English euphemism of his title, is that writers and their entourage of academics and critics do very little more for a shrinking world than leave their messes on its doorsten - and all in the name of "conscience."



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loses things. The novel opens with the funeral of his ex-girlfriend and ends with the disappearance of his new one. In the middle he contrives to mislay his wife, his home-town, his job, his cat, even his twenties. "People can generally be classified into two groups, says the black-suited secretary who controls his destiny with the cold efficiency of a telephonist operating a switchboard, "the mediocre realist and the mediocre dreamer. You clearly belong to the

It is the dislocated world of sleep that best describes the course of the novel. The obsessive pursuit at its heart is a hunt for a white sheep with a black star on its back. The hero is in effect reduced to passing his days counting sheep, but throughout maintains his Mariowesque cool, even when the wool is being pulled over his eyes. (Murakami translates Chandler in his spare time, a hobby to which

his own style bears witness.) As you might imagine. it is no ordinary sheep. It has the ability to enter the bodies of simple mortals, and the ambition to control the world. (Genghis Khan was, apparently, a peace-loving cove until taken over by his ovine operator.) And it is no ordinary hunt. Fired by cigarettes and whisky, the hero steers through a flock of weird individuals: the Sheep Professor, the Rat, the chauffeur with the direct line to God, the girl with the cars that stop traffic. Haruki Murakami is Japan's best-selling povelist. A Wild Sheep Chase has already sold four million copies. One should not be surprised. Despite its quirky style and a ludicrous plot, it is compelling.

Coincidence and the occasional twinge of extrasensory perception seep, too, through Elien Gilchrist's fourth collection of short stories, Light Can Be Both Wave and Particle. Despite the off-putting title, this is an enchanting book. Gilchrist swings between the familiar and the shocking, the Sabine Durrant

A WILD SHEEP CHASE By Haraki Murakami Hamish Hamilton, £13.99 LIGHT CAN BE BOTH WAVE AND PARTICLE By Ellen Gilchrist Faber, £12.99 JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME By Gillian Thotall Hutchinson, £12.95

DARKNESS FALLS

By Joyce Anne Schneider

Heinemann, £12.95

everyday and the traumatic. She writes about ordinary happenings in out of the way places (Fayetteville, Arkansas, Jackson Mississippi), of meetings between recognizable characters from her other fiction (Rhoda and Anna for example) and strangers (a genetic scientist from China, a school-teacher from Seattle), above all of domestic routine disrupted by violence. Here bored Southern housewives cope with an armed siege; a railway journey ends with a bloody premature birth, a child's game is disrupted by a poked-out

eye. It is disorienting stuff, but

controlled always by Gilchrist's

wry tone and gentle insight. Gillian Tindall's Journey of a Lifetime is also impeccably structured, but the patterns are predictable. Each of the tales contains a departure, a soul-searching, and a final twist. For all its aspirations to Grand Tour the twists double back, and you end up not much farther on from when you started. Part of the problem with the book is the discrepancy between the hugeness of the philosophical questions troubling its characters, and the triviality of the trips that inspire them. The journeys are more to do with suntan lotion, hotel foyers, and coach parties

than with alien ways and foreign

vistas. The travellers are united by

the insipidness of their response to

foreign climes. The best of the stories confront the inadequacy of this reaction. "An Independent Woman", for example, concerns the visit of a dowdy career woman to a once wild schoolfriend now married to a Muslim in Lahore. The extent to which they have grown apart is neatly illustrated by their respec-tive attitudes to sight-seeing. The guest is hungry for the dirt and colour of the old city, the hostess eager to show off the new Mail The prose arranges the irreconcil-able, bringing them together in order to spring them apart.

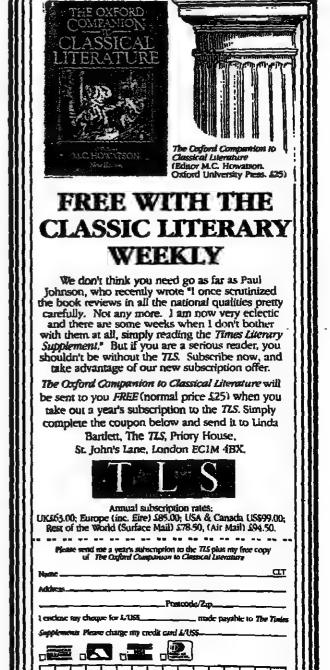
You would have to look hard for subtle arrangements in Joyce Anne Schreider's mystery novel, Darkness Falls. The baddy is easily recognisable by his "square face", and his fondness for cobwebby gloom. The goodies have their goodness ascribed to them with the simplest of shorthands (Amanda listens to Aretha Franklin or Brahms on her car sucreo). The plot involves a drowned girl, a psychiatrist's tapes, and all kind of complicated business involving properties and keys. Holiday reading perhaps — unless you happen to be an estate agent.

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Spelling it out without dirty bits

gard descriptions of sex as "dirty bits". The lit-crature we inherited at school was safely handed down by custom and excision and ended around the First World War. We were Victorian throw-backs. In my corner of the regional outback, in which Hardy would have moved comfortably, the life reflected the work. The bedroom door closed. A look and an embrace had to take the strain. Marriage and, presumably, procreation were left stranded in impossible expectation at the end of the last chapter. Sex was a lower order, a lower organ, beneath the salt, unranked in the battalions of literature. Real English authors

It had no proper place in our daily lives, either. The parts, the act, even the biological functions were never mentioned in my day, and the suppression bred a vig-orous underground and subversive

did not have explicit sex.

This began with ludicrously lewd "jokes", told and told again be-tween the ages of 10 and 13: jokes which depended on sexual names from the wildest shores of caricature and predictable punch-lines (only half understood), which triggered spasms of common cackling It moved to jock-strap innuendo in the changing rooms - again re-porting an all-male experience until finally, in late teens, some sense and experience were brought to bear on the case.

Innocence was the prize, ignorance was then the prop. Then people either continued to enjoy "the dirty bits" through pornog-raphy — which has never held any appeal for me, its exploitative sourness more than annulling any curiosity value - or they puzzled their way through the increasingly bold fiction of the 20th century. Sex came out of the bedroom like an avenger. To my generation in Britain, however, the main reaction to it continued to be anxiety.

Which was odd, for a number of reasons. In American fiction of the 1950s and 1960s (for example, take the contemporary work of the mainstream writer, John Updike), sex was a lush, densely described. vivid presence. True, there was still the distancing, even if only in jest. I remember Mary McCarthy saying she would like to meet Philip Roth - after Portnoy's Com-plaint - but "did not want to shake his band.

Yet in homosexual novels there were explicit descriptions. In the 1980s, writers of distinction played games with pornography and "bad

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Melvyn Bragg, whose new novel includes explicit descriptions of sexual activity, considers how attitudes to sex and eroticism in literature have altered in the past 100 years

taste", and sex has become commercial in the "sex-and-shopping" novels.

In this briefest headline history a generation, mine, appeared to be beached. "Dirty bits" they still somehow were, with D.H. Lawrence invoked by some to make others realize the essential importance of sexuality, and dismissed by others for what was deemed his blush-making and tasteless clumsiness.

Lately, a new movement - in novels, comics, comedy and literature generally - seems devoted to the notion that sex is to be sniggered over or laughed about or, more important, dismissed as bor-ing and irrelevant. In my own life I find it neither boring nor irrelevant. It was part — let me stress, part, but a marvellous part — of the most powerful experiences and times I had known. But until recently I described it, if I

away in a pair of tongs.
In my new novel, A Time To Dance, the story of an overwhelming love affair - the daz-zling and dark side of such an encounter - there is very explicit writing about sex. It is not pornographic. It is not reductive. It has to do with a love affair which is obsessive and erotic and even

perhaps possessed by the soul. It

sentative of that generation of

Englishmen, now aged 50.

took some doing for this repre-

described it at all, as if it were held

For one thing, as a lover of much of our Eng Lit I too had enjoyed the multiple metaphors for sex, and the frissons of omission. E.M. Forster's off-the-page sexuality was yeast to my imagination. The strained, crystallized, restrictive torment of Hardy's hints and Henry James's almost unbearable foreplay were strange incitements. Nabokov, of course (and others, but he most decisively), both added to that and undermined that tradition. But he was a genius and, besides, came from another culture.

Yet Lolita - not so much the story as the telling, if one can separate the two - set off a small fire from which my novel grew. As did the behaviour of Nora Barnacle, James Joyce's wife. And there is little sustenance from the merely raunchy writers, such as Henry Miller, whom the arguments of the feminists marginalized.

And so the list could grow. But what was a Victorian Cumbrian Protestant working-class free trans-fer to metropolitan media middleclass novelist to do about it all? Wait, as it turned out, until the "something" turned up that mattered. The image, the line, the opportunity and the nerve.

I wrote an historical novel called The Maid of Buttermere a few years ago, in which the key event was the

imposter and bigamist and a beautiful young woman who had lived all her life intact in a remote valley in the Lake District. The fraudulent marriage ruined him utterly, and it threatened to ruin

The more I examined the facts and there are a surprising number, the incident became a great scandal of the age - the more it seemed that both must have sensed the marriage would be a disaster. But nevertheless they went ahead with

My conclusion was that sexual obsession drove them into an arrangement which was the only one her background and character would allow for the satisfaction of this obsession. A love which has to he expressed and satisfied, even though destruction is an inevitable which I wanted to return.

Curiously in the book I next wrote, Rich - the biography of Richard Burton - I found another example of an utterly compulsive love which clearly signalled destruction from the beginning. Burton's fascination for Taylor and his involvement with her and her with him in entries too dangerous to print in the published book - echoed and reinforced what had happened in Buttermere. That is the idea of a man and a woman being out of control in a passion which, they know, will as likely lead to destruction as to any placid conclusion, and yet committing themselves to it with all their senses, perhaps wholly unable to

stop themselves.

wo other sources, (with hindsight) confirmed my interest in this. One is the Liber Amoris of William Hazlitt, which aston-ished me. I had read Hazlitt at school with the most enormous pleasure, and discovered some time later that he had jeopardized - and lost - bis marris and his reputation, at the age of 42, for the unreturned and skittish regard of a 16-year-old. I wanted to write about him and that cataclysm of love and jealousy in his tor-mented intellectual life. That was subsumed, I think, in A Time To Dance, as was the story of the play and film *The Blue Angel*. The central image of this story, that of the wrecked schoolteacher's complete humiliation, was again (who knows why?) something which clung around and emerged for this particular novel.

And so, out of the blue, came the opening sentence: "Darling Bernadette, As you have forbidden me to talk to you I must write." Unravelling that led to the novel, which concerns the unexpected, overwhelming and jealous passion of a 54-year-old man for an 18-year-old woman, who is, it transpires, as compelled by him as he by her.

This is not the place to outline the plot or comment on the book. other than to say that in the context of the piece it attempts to tell a story of the whole of what is involved in a passionate and even uncontrollable love. Inevitably, it exposes itself and inevitably that will be remarked on. That is because it deals not with the niceties of affection, which are so important and so well-charted, nor the bludgeoning of pornography or cynical sexuality, but passion and eroticism, total and blind to everything else.

♠ A Time to Dance will be published next Monday by Hodder & Stough-ton at £12.95.



Passion: Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor acting together, and Sue Lyon and James Mason in the film of Lolita (above right)

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Nightmares and nicotine

Simon Gray is no respecter of critics and his latest play has just reached the West End, but he agreed to meet and talk about it with one of our theatre critics.

Jeremy Kingston imon Gray does not love theatre critics, and some of them he has frankly loathed. The pack of dismal Old Boys who meet a variety of horrid deaths in his last television play were given the names of Wardle, Coveney, Billington et al, and some of the minor details of their family life were uncannily correct. Only a playwright's joke, of course, but as I looked at the two drinks on the table between us I wondered if I should discreetly switch the

I had suggested we talk about his new play over the telephone, safely separated by five miles of cable, and it was Gray who suggested a drink at the Groucho Club, where he is a member and I am not, so that I was unable to buy the drinks. He is a tall man, heavily built, and except when lighting another Silk Cut he kept his eyes on me.

He has smoked heavily for years. "I tried nicotine chewing-gum for a time, but in one of the worst nightmares of my life I was holding a great mass of the stuff out in front of me, with hairs growing all over it. I'd rather have the smoking than the nightmares."

Hidden Laughter, starring

Felicity Kendal and Peter Barkworth, and directed by Gray, is now previewing at the Vandeville. Set in a West Country cottage, it follows the fortunes -- "mostly misfortunes" -- of a London family weekending there over a period of 13 years.

Is it a comedy? "Oh, people laugh." Gray's plays, however, are never quite that simple. The wit, the dagger-sharp observation and the general muddle his characters make for themselves is shot through with a bleaker vision of life: "old life itself", as one of the mefully remarks. Gray considers himself an optimist, but



Simon Gray, directing his new play Hidden Laughter

possibly in the way that Chekhov thought of himself as a writer of comedies. This will be his 16th play in 24 years, not counting seven television plays and two adaptations for the National Theatre, but counting the two versions of The Common Pursuit as one. This makes him our most prolific play-wright after Ayckbourn. Except for the five Victorian explorers in The Rear Column, going to pieces in the

upper reaches of the Congo, his characters are drawn from the circles he has moved and worked in since he arrived in Cambridge as a postgraduate at the age of 22: novelists, agents (one of each is featured in Hidden Laughter), lecturers, schoolmasters, publishers.

They are literate, witty and doomed to disappointment, if nothing worse, when the final curtain falls. In fact, the circles they whirl in are those of a 20th-century and intensely English Inferno, except that, unlike the world of Dante's phantoms, comedy keeps breaking in. With the exception of the Congo one, all his plays, even the almost elegiac Close of Play, in which Sir Michael Redgrave gave his last performance, are frequently thunderously funny.

One of the language tutors in Quartermaine's Terms comments, as he watches his foreign students learning croquet, "They'll discover how much incivility is possible on our tranquil English lawns." It is a discovery Gray himself continues to make and display to us. And not incivility to others alone, though half-a-dozen of his men - usually those played by Alan Bates - would win medals for that in Hell On tranquil lawns and Cambridge moms and London offices Gray's cultivated Englishmen and women are shown being grossly uncivil to

Mayall's hacking cough by the end of The Common Pursuit - but mostly they disjoin their lives through all too recognizable fears; fear of failure (not famous enough, not sexy enough), fear of success, above all the fear of changing their lives. Somewhere before the plays begin, idleness or rivalry or the dashed hope of childhood love has wormed its way into their hearts and none of them dares shake it out.

You do not have to be foreign to fathom the English, but it helps. Though Gray might seem as English as they come (Westminster, Trinity, days spent at Lord's and the Oval) his early years may have given him just enough of an outsider's edge for him to learn, as the language schools might put it, the English as a foreign people. Evacuated to Canada during the War, he returned with a crewcut and Montreal accent, and after his schooling he went back to take his degree at Hamilton, Nova

He drew on his experiences there for his first two novels. written while still at Cam-bridge. "I loved Hamilton," he says. "It was a marvellous place." Perhaps it lies too far in the past to be a spur for drama. Or he was just too happy there.

One day, as an Englishman be might tackle Canadians as a foreign people. For the time being, England presents territory rich and convoluted enough for his beady eye and pen. If the smoking and the

Hidden Laughter previews at the Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, London WC2 (071-836 9987) are Monday to Friday 7.45pm. Saturday 5pm and 8.30pm. First Niebe Lynn 12 7mm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE TERATURE

PATRICK BARLOW: Founder of the often frilerious National Theatre of Brent and author of All The World's A Globe. A chance to hear him discuss the history of the human race in a calm, rational manner with Griff Rhys Jones. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 0493), today, 1pm, £2 plus £1

POEMS ON THE UNDERGROUND: Last in the series of lunchtime readings presented by Poems on the Underground. Thomas Hardy poetry and prose complied and read by Cicely Herbert and Gerard Benson. Part of the 150th anniversary celebrations. British Library, Seminar Room Great Russell Street, London WC2 (071-636 1544), today, 1pm, free. THE GREEN AWAKENING: The atest edition of Poetry Review

focuses on green concerns.
"Nothing in nature is simply itself any more ... Where does that leave us - not only 'nature poets' but all of us who use the natural world as a point of reference?" Philip Gross ets the theme for an evening of poetry, song, and discussion. Alison Brackenbury, David Gespoyne, Helen Dunmore read with Philip Gross; Leon Rosselson sings his witty and densely-worded songs; Peter Forbes, Poetry Review editor, chairs a discussion vith Norman Willis (TUC), Simon Mundy (Director, National Campaign for the Arts), and Ivan Hattingh (Director, World Wildlife

Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (071-370 6929), tonight, 7.30pm, \$2.50 (\$2), ROSALIND BELBEN, LEE

MOT DIVA DOOWRAH RAWORTH: Undoubledly the reading of this week. Among Belben's five novels are The Limit, Dreaming of Dead People and last year's is Beauty Good? Harwood has published 16 books of poetry over the past 20 years. represented by the major collection Crossing the Frozen River (Paladin) and his past work appears increasingly poignant, determined to articulate positive qualities of beauty against a disenchanted world. By contrast Reworth writes fast and pithy speed. His is a truly jazz-inflected poetry; from line-to-line and wordto-word, it twists and bobs, it soers. The publication of *Tottering* State (Paladin), a selection of work from 1963-1967, confirmed him as e major poet whose achieve are sadly neglected in his

Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Levender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223), tomorrow, 8.15pm

KATHERINE GALLAGHER, SCHNEIDER AND FRANCES WILSON: Four poets, Gellaghe beat known of the group, read from and discuss their work. Palmers Green Library, Green anes, London N21 (081-886 3728), Sat, 7.30pm, £2 (£1.50).

LEMN SISSAY AND LEVI TAFARI: Sissay has a very strong entertainer. His dynamic delivery him out. The poems, however, often feil to challenge us as strongly as the political muscle of Tefari, a club stylist, completes the

programme. Willesden Green Library Centre, 95 High Road, London NW10 (081-451 0294), Set, Spm, £3 (£2).

NEW VOICES: Three poets besed In the East Midlands, each of whom has received a writer's bursary to further their work. Alen Dunnett, playwright and theatre director; John Gallas, whose work is concerned with "the blessings of disorder and the comedy an bravery of those who try to inflict order upon the world"; Elizabeth Smith whose writing is about issues arising out of cultural, class, and was differences. Fagins Book Shop, Market Street, Leicester (0533 554854), tomorrow, 6pm, £2 (£1).

WATERSHED MEDIA CENTRIE Readings forming part of a feminist book fortnight, Joan Barfoot, read from and discuss her latest novel, Family News, published this month. Other books for which she is known include Dancing in The Dark and Duet Three (tomorrow, 7.30pm). Alison Fell and Leslie Dick. Serpent's Tale have just published The Seven Cardinal Virtues, written by seven of our sharpest women writers. Two of these, Alison Fell, representing Chastity, and Leslie Dick, Generosity, discuss their relative merits and read some of their work (Mon, 7.30pm). Watershed Media Centre, 1 Canons Road, Bristol (0272 276444). Tickets £3, (£2).

MARVELL

THE HARD EDGE CLUB: This week's featured writers are the Nigerian, Patience Agbath, Frank Bangay (known as a punk Blues poet), and the tough-talking Sue Johns, Russel Sels and Nick O'Nell. One of the liveliest and most unpredictable readings series in London at present. The Red Llon (upstairs), Great Windmill Street, London W1 (071-732 4007), Mon, 8.30pm, \$2.50,

GEORGE BUCHANAN: A celebration of the work of dedicated European poet George Buchanan, who died last year. No otied last year. Readings of his work by several well-known poets, including Michael Longley, James Simmons, and William Oxiey. Buchanen's work is generous and spirited and deserves far wider recognition. The Poetry Society (as above), Tues. 7.30 nm. 2 50 (52 and Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£2 and £1.25).

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David Robinson on the week's new films, including The Package, Clean and Sober, Diamond Skulls, 3 Women in Love and Creator

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he villains in espionage thrillers change nationality from generation to generation, according to the shifts of international politics. Throughout the 30 years embraced by two World Wars, spies, saboteurs and secret agents were fairly certain to be Germans. With the Cold War, the Commies usurped them. The liberal spirit of the late Sixties gave a look-in now and then to CIA renegades or dubious parties from the Middle East; but Russians stayed pre-eminent in the cloakand-dagger business right up to and beyond perestroika.

The villains of The Package (15, Odeon, Leicester Square) are nothing if not up-to-the-minute: a conspiracy of extreme right-wing hawks drawn from the high military establishments of the US and the USSR, and bent on restarting the Cold War. This they plan to achieve with an assassination during the latest disarmament

The influence of newsreels is strong in the staging of the preparations for the conference and state visit. The Soviet president is a Gorbachov look-alike: and familiar aspects of the Kennedy assassination figure in this conspiracy. At the same time, there is a reassuring respect for a thriller tradition that goes back beyond Le Carre and Richard Condon to Hitchcock and John Buchan. The hero is very like a Buchan-Hitchcock hero, a fugitive from his own side as well as from a powerful, malian conspiracy of villains, who have a protean ability to assume any guise.

John Bishop's acreenplay is a maze of complications, yet always semains lucid, as the tough, esourceful hero (Gene Hackman) is swept from peril to peril, in company with his quick-witted exwife (Joanna Cassidy) and a seasoned Chicago detective (Dennis Franz). Tommy Lee Jones is the tough, menacing assassin.

The Package is very much what

a cloak-and-dagger thriller should be: economical in writing, too fast to permit reflection on its probahility, well-paced, well-staged, with simple but strongly defined characters and precise casting. The

director was Andrew Davis. The traditional Hollywood drug movie is about teenagers who get into bad company, have a lot of fun on the downward path and narrowly escape dramatically tragic finales. Clean and Sober (15, Warner West End) is new and contemporary in taking a mature addict from the professional middle class, and seeing him through the trying and undramatic process

Michael Keaton plays a success-ful real estate salesman whose motive for checking into the clinic is far from desire to cure his cocaine and alcohol addictions. Rather, he seizes on the anonymity promised by the clinic as a sanctuary after a one-night bed companion dies of an overdose, at the same time that a slight case of embezziement looks like catching up with him.

Keaton manages to sustain our concern for a character who certainly in his addicted egocentricity - is essentially unsympathetic; and the successive phases of the cure, the passage from resentful resistance to willing co-operation, are carefully studied. He at first fights off the help of former addicts - Morgan Freeman in a very different role from that of Miss Daisy's driver; and M. Emmert Walsh - but in the end finds himself trying desper-ately to support others. His linison with a young woman from the other side of the tracks contributes the film's less convincing scenes.

The therapeutic intention of the film is undoubted and admirable; and there is something homespun and touching in the maxim of the first-time director, Glenn Gordon Caron, a former screenwriter: "You can't dig a hole so deep that you still can't climb out of it. This is one of the glories of being a human being." Yet with all its merits, the hero's odysacy makes a beavy-going two hours' viewing.
The feature début of docu-

mentary director Nick Broomfield, Diamond Skulls (18, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue), presents a rather partial view of the English landed aristocracy as degenerate, corrupt and ruthlessly self-serving. This particular dynasty lives in a Palladian palace in Yorkshire, where the paying public peer into the dining room, the walls are cracking from the subterranean encroachments of the NCB, and the lavatories are a

marathon run from the bedrooms.
Lord Crewe (Michael Hordern).
has mellowed into graciously libidinous senility. His lady (Judy Parfitt) has a freezing smile and snobbery that gives no quarter. Sir Hugo (Gabriel Byrne), heir to the title and the film's protagonist, is incestuous, a sadist (to draw a veil over other sexual quirks) and the victim of pathological jealousy.

His vicious younger sister has picked up a very common accent. more Queen's Park Rangers than the Sloane variety. His little son, in preparation for boarding school, is submitted to an archaic gentlemen's barbershop where forelocks have been worn away

with constant tugging.
Their friends are lager-louts whose high spirits, in the privacy the officers' mess or the baronial hall, would make football hooliganism seem decorous by comparison. Pity those from the lower ranks, socially or economically, such as Hugo's wife (Amanda Donohoe) or the sacrificial victim in this particular story (Douglas Hodge).

It is a social view which even Dave Spart or Ken Livingstone might consider a trifle slanted; but Tim Rose Price's script makes it the background for a suspense thriller about obsession and conspiracy. The story begins with Hugo, driving with four friends, committing a hit-and-run killing. Out of this, Rose Price develops a



Old-fashioned heroics: Gene Hackman and Tommy Lee Jones in Andrew Davis's The Package

tangled web of dark doings. Broomfield, whose aggressive documentaries might have prepared us for his fierce social view, directs effectively, even if he is over-fond of ominous and enig-matic close-up details. It is sometimes intriguing, though never believable.

3 Women in Love (Cannons Piccadilly and Tottenham Court Road, 18) is an erotic game devised by the German director Rudolph Thome and originally titled Der Philosoph. The philosopher, a bookish and virginal young man, one day walks into a men's boutique with the innocent intent of buying a suit. Instead he finds himself kidnapped, body and soul, by the "Three Graces" they claim to be "time agents" -

who run the establishment. Carresian philosophy and four-in-a-bed turn out to be happily reconcilable. Thome, a solemn-seeming fellow, writes, "I am playing, and of course, I'm ironical, but I am also extremely serious." The pleasant cast all enter so merrily into the film's undress, that any seriousness might easily be

Creator (15, Odeon Mezzanine, Leicester Square) has been sitting on the shelves since 1985, which is not entirely surprising. It charges dizzyingly in all directions, without ever deciding where it is going. Peter O'Toole is the only one to stay more or less astride this bucking bronco of a film, clinging grimly to his well-known Irishman's imitation of an English

eccentric: haw-having, looking down his handsome nose and chewing a nine-inch cigar,

O'Toole plays a Nobel Prizewinning biologist, dedicated to recreating the cells of his 30-yearsdead wife. In addition, though, there are plots and sub-plots variously comic, erotic, farcical, tragic and philosophical - involving college politics; the amorous pursuits of the biologist's assistant (Vincent Spano); the conquest of love over death; and the biologist's own liaison with a self-styled teenage nymphomaniac (Mariel Hemingway). Adapting his own novel, Jeremy

Leven crams in so much action and so many half-formed ideas that all is wrecked. The director was Ivan Passer.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO

A weekly selection of films recently ased on video. The year refers to released on video. The year the case the date of first release, or in the case

APARTMENT ZERO (20:20 Vision, 15): chicerous psychological drama with a drab film-buff flavour, featuring Colin Firth as a repressed British cinéphile in Argentina. Directed by Martin Dondvan. 1989.

CHECKING OUT (CBS/Fox, 15): Strained black comedy, with Jeff Daniels as a PR men stricken by hypochondria. An mauspicious American début for David Leland, writer-director of Wish You Were Here.

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

(CBS/Fox, U): Robert Wise's sciencessic about Klaatu (Michae) Rennie), the extra-terrestrial diplomat trying to stop war. Exciting, intelligent; music by Bernard Hermann. 1951. DRAGNET (CIC, PG): Felled attempt to parody the TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd as the strait-laced cop teamed with a freewheeling colleague (Tom Henks). Amusing at first, but the film ves itself into a cul-de-sac. 1987. THE DREAM TEAM (CIC, 15): Agreeably anarchic adventures of four psychiatric patients let loose on Manhattan, Gobbets of sentimentality hang heavy at times, but sprightly performances (Michael Keaton, Peter Boyle, Stephen Furst) win the day, Director, Howard Zieff. 1989. FANTASTIC VOYAGE (CBS/Fox, U): Tired characterizations, but the notion of miniaturized doctors rushing through a scientist to operate on his brain is arming, and the sets are huge fun. Stephen Boyd, Requel Welch. 1966. I'M GONNA GIT YOU SUCKA (Warner, 15): Wild send-up of the black action movies of the Sevent featuring such luminaries as Jim Brown and Bernie Casey. A first feature for writer-director-star Keenan Ivory THE SICILIAN (CBS/Fox, 18): Michael

Cimino's botched life of the Siciliar outlaw Salvatore Giuliano (Christopher Lambert). Sluggish, flatly written, waywardly acted; at least the landscapes look believable. 1987. THE UNTOUCHABLES (CIC. 15): Ellot Ness's gangbusters versus Al Capone: en enterlaining battle, filled with builets, blood, thoughtful dialogue from playwright David Marnet, an Odessa Steps parody. Director, Brian De Palma

YOUNG EINSTEIN (Warner, PG): In which young Albert Einstein, son of Tesmanian apple farmers, discovers determinedly wacky comedy from Australius satisfat Yahoo Serious, 1985

GEOFF BROWN

TELEVISION

Writes and wrongs on cue

ALAN Bennett's new Channel 4 series, Poetry in Motion, on six 20th-century poets, got off to an uneasy start. An anonymous lady galloped across a cliff-top while Bennett's unmistakable voice, like Thora Hird playing Lady Bracknell for a North Country rep' in Thomas Hardy's lesser poems. At hat point the production budget abruptly transported to a parish hall where, in front of a small but devoted gathering, Bennett began to read as from the pulpit.

Hovering dangerously close to the kind of academic perody the presenter himself once wrote for a 1960s series called On the Margin, this new series seems to have been designed as a mixture of declamation and gossip, and although Bennett is no Gielgud at the versespeaking, his footnotes are, as usual, unmissable,

The first Mrs Hardy was apparently fey, vague and mad, but, as Bennett said, it is a thankless life being the wife of an artist: they are always expected to do the buttering-up as well as the washing-up. Then we got a brief glimpse of the second Mrs Hardy (proposed to in a graveyard and shown a pre-reserved tomb before the engagement ring), as well as memories of Vid Thomas himself, bicycling to a church 20 miles away to deliver sermons, during which his bald bead would steam gently in the

A man who never liked to be touched, so that he walked in the road to avoid rubbing shoulders, Hardy perfectly suited one of Bennett's more perceptive asides from his own pulpit: "Before they are anything else at all, if they are any good, most writers are absurd." As both biography and As both biography and autobiography, that was well worth the full 30 minutes, though I end with Bennett's recollection of Virginia Woolf winning the Evening Standard award for the tallest woman writer of 1926, or George Rylands down from Cambridge to see the Berlins (Irving and Isaiah). and wrestling at Finsbury Park. Twentieth-century literary gossip has no better reader or writer than this one: it is only when Bennett starts reading the verse itself that one misses an actor or two.

Other writers, other memories: BBC 2's Hidden Ground took John McGahern back to County Leitrim, where his latest novel is act and was written facing a blank wall, since that is all he has ever wanted to look at while working

out of his imagination. An exile of the spirit, who has gone home to a farm he reckons he will never leave until the hearse comes, McGahern rambled both his land and his theories of displacement, focusing on a period when he was sacked as a local Roman Catholic schoolteacher in Dublin, following the publication of a novel which the Church did not admire. We do not mind your book

being banned, they said, but you married a foreign woman in a registry office, and that we can't be having. In Ireland, truth is always applied to its fiction writers. Other writers, other memories again: Jenny Barraclough intro-

duced a new series of Frontiers, on BBC 1, by taking the South African novelist Nadine Gordimer back to Mozambique where, 25 moon. Electrified wires and razortrans now mark the border, but Gordimer's was a social rather than political study, concentrating on the erstwhile sexual and racial freedom of Mozambique and its contrast to the clenched racist inhibitions of South Africa.

Gordiner's are the eyes of a novelist in search of a story, but here there were so many that the camera found it difficult to focus. Her most intriguing thesis was that Mozambique was the "continent" (as in "popping over to the continent") for a generation of repressed South Africans.

Politically, life is more complex now, but relies of the old Portuguese colonial luxury can still be found amid the ravages of civil war and a collapsed economy. Across this frontier of race and wealth as well as African geography, Gordimer and Barraclough found Mozambique a nation where 200,000 children are now orphaned and 1,000 schools and hospitals closed.

South African rebels have made of it a human wasteland, and the national guilt that Gordiner feels is that of the exile who can see, all too clearly, yet one more reason to cry the beloved country.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Widescreen, all-action cliffhanger







Financial kingples of the MGM deal: Owner Kirk Kerkorian (left), Steve Ross, and Italian financier Giancarlo Parretti (right)

Andrew Lycett on the latest, and possibly the largest, film industry merger, which

involves the most famous Hollywood names

fit works, it promises to be one of the most powerful film production and distribution conglomerates in the world. MGM founder, Louis B. Mayer, would probably approve. Today, Pathé Communications, headed by Giancarlo Parretti, a colourful 50-year-old Italian financier who was once a waiter at London's Savoy Hotel, is set to complete its take-over of Mayer's Hollywood studio, which has become Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer/United Artists. Ever since he first announced

his \$1.2 billion (£706 million) bid for the studio in March, it has been touch and go whether Parretti would raise the necessary money. He was helped out by Steve Ross, chairman of another media conglomerate - the recently merged Time Warner. Ross agreed to guarantee loans for half the price asked by MGM/UA's billionaire owner, Kirk Kerkorian. In return, Time Warner gained worldwide distribution rights to the United Artists library of 1,000 films, including Rain Man, The Pink Panther and Bond movies.

Pathé/MGM/UA makes the films, which are distributed by Warner and shown on Time's widespread cable network. That is the sort of media equation appreciated by Wall Street. Even so, Parrenti was not helped in his quest for the remaining finance by the four-year prison sentence handed down to him in absentia in April, by a Naples court, for fraudulent bankruptcy. An appeal has been lodged. Various dates for the closing of the Pathé offer for MGM/UA shares passed. Today is the last.

Parretti first came to international attention in 1988 when he bought the ailing Cannon film production and cinema chain from Israeli cousins Menabem Golan and Yoram Globus. He renamed the group Pathe, and moved it to Los Angeles.

From there he set about developing a contemporary worldwide media business. That means owning film production and dis tribution (television, cable, cinema exhibition) companies. It is no good making films if the maker cannot show them to the public. Parretti entrusted the production side to the respected Alan Ladd. Initially, with his partner Florio

Fiorino, Parretti concentrated his distribution efforts in Europe. Ownership of the old Cannon company gave him access to nearly 400 cinemas in Britain (in all, around 600 in Europe). Some of these he has recently sold to Italian media entrepeneur Silvio Berlusconi, largely to raise money for his MGM/UA bid.

Meanwhile, back in the USA in March, Parretti became the latest in a long line of suitors (after Rupert Murdoch, Christopher Skase's now bankrupt Qintex Corporation and cable-king Ted Turner) to buy Kirk Kerkorian's 80 per cent stake in MGM/UA. Getting Time Warner in on the

deal surprised the rest of the film industry. It was a masterstroke in terms of the media conglomerate Parretti says he wants to create as "bridge between the US and European entertainment markets". Warner already draws 40 per cent of its revenues from its foreign film distribution and cinema exhibition businesses. It clearly wants to extend its overseas network. One of Steve Ross's first initiatives as chairman of the merged Time Warner was a \$28 million joint venture with Sovexportfilm in two American-style cinema "multiplexes" in Moscow and Leningrad.

This raises the question of whether the cool Ross has his own agenda. What if Parretti has difficulty servicing the loans he has had to raise for his MGM/UA deal? Then Time Warner might step in to take control. Ross has put it on record that he wants to "create within five years the most successful media and entertainment company in the world". A clash of giants might be





Kirov weathers the storms

DANCE

Kirov Ballet Coliseum

WHAT a treat to have the Kirov Ballet back in town for five weeks (with side trips to Manchester and Birmingham, too). The opening production at the Coliseum was The Corsair with a cast mainly of soloists who have become firm avourites here.

The management bills this bal-let with old-fashioned snobbery in French as Le Corsaire, but the English version is preferable, if only as a reminder that the work owes its title, its general ambience and the names of some characters to one of Byron's most popular

Byron, it is true, would not have recognized much of the plot, but it is good, rousing melodrama. In the first few minutes alone we have a shipwreck, a rescue and an abduction, and from there we go straight to a slave market where the heroine and her best friend are the most delectable of the wares on offer.

Luckily our intrepid hero, in heavy disguise, arrives in time to effect her salvation, and then, in case you did not follow the plot the first time around, it all happens over again; another abduction, another disguise, another rescue, even another ship sailing a stormy sea to bring the curtain down amid cheers.

Just where, you may ask, is the famous Kirov classicism amid all these goings on? Alive and well on the Coliseum stage, because the most outrageous adventures and comic episodes are interspersed with set pieces of pure display dancing, some of them reputedly authentic Petipa, others good pastiche.



The most famous of them, widely known nowadays as "The" Corsair pas de deux, is, in this context, a dance for three people (with an extra solo thrown in). It served last night to introduce to London audiences Alexander Lunyov as Ali, the faithful follower who does almost all the familiar passages of male dancing. Tall, with a buoyant technique and clean style, he danced with a zest and involvement that held their own against some formidable competition.

Altynai Asylmuratova, who has become a familiar guest star in London since the Kirov was last

here two years ago, was in exhilarating form as Medora, seeming to relish all the virtuoso demands of her role and acting with perhaps more relaxed ease than before, especially in the scene where she has to move from delicious light comedy in her

No offence to Yevgeny Neff, who portrays a fine figure of a pirates' leader, but the male honours were largely stolen by Konstantin Zaklinsky, in the meatier role of the slave dealer

romantic interlude with Conrad to

full-bloodied drama as she despar-

ately tries to save his life from

Lankedem, which he plays with sly comic enjoyment, as well as a nice line in bravura dancing.

Among the smaller roles, a special welcome to Larissa Lezhnina, a slender, dimpling blonde not seen here before, whose swift scintillating solo in the trio of Odalisques provided an appetizing foretaste of bigger roles to follow, and to Gennady Babanin leading the pirates' dance

with immense vigour. Victor Fedotov conducted the Wren orchestra in a lively account of the hotchpotch score by Adam, Delibes and several other hands.

JOHN PERCIVAL

FESTIVAL

Mayfest Glasgow

CULTURAL exchanges between Scotland and the Soviet Union go back long before glasnost. But at a time when devolution is also firmly on the Scottish political agenda, there is added piquancy about the visits to Glasgow of the Georgians at Mayfest and the Lithuanians in the autumn.

Indeed, a visit to Georgia by Border Warfare, John McGrath's epic play about Anglo-Scottish tensions, was abandoned when the Soviets decided it might be too inflammatory to nationalist passions. However, none of the plays from Georgia which provided the backbone of Mayfest's sala programme in its third week proved to be so politically sensitive. Nevertheless, the whole Georgian season - which included three theatre productions, a troupe was a great artistic success, although audiences for the theatre shows were shamefully small.

The Marjanishvili State Academic Theatre, which believes in producing as many Georgian plays as possible, presented A Provincial

THEATHER

Story by Lali Rosseba at the Arches and Othello at the Mitchell Theatre. A Provincial Story, described as post-Chekhovian, was a piece of grim realism. Set in what looked like a wire cage filled with utility furniture, the play unearthly look. traced a sordid sequence of adultery, drunkenness and petty crime

Zizi's seducer, Murman. What makes this gloomy play riveting is the company's acting. It is occasionally over-fussy but there is an intensity and intelligence which silences criticism.
The director, Medea Kuchukhidze, has given the play a
wonderful simplicity.

involving Leo, a provincial actor,

his wife Nino, her sister Zizi, and

The same company and some of the same actors also appeared in Othello, Bill Alexander, the Royal Shakespeare Company director, has said that he wishes the British, like the Russians, could use Shakespeare in rough translation, thereby relying on theatrical images rather than the power of Shakespeare's language. The Marstrained by Shakespeare's words but the actors treat the text with a mixture of reverence and insight that is often electrifying.

Othello is set below-decks on a ship which is taking the Moor back to Venice. Othello is beaten

by his guards and the events in Cyprus are played out in a delirious flashback. The shipboard set is stunning, a vast wooden hold stretching into what seems like infinity, and the production uses fluorescent light to give the play an

Again, the acting makes the production memorable. The actors veer between full-blown melodrama and subtle whispering, giving a profusion of new readings to lines which can often seem stale. Part of their success lies in their recognition that the mainspring for the tragedy comes from sexual passion. It is the role of Desdemona which benefits most from this. She begins the play as a sexually fulfilled woman but ends it bewildered, abused and finally killed by her adored lover.

Otar Meghvinetukhutsesi is a powerful Othello, taking the underlying violence of his Leo in A Provincial Story to its ultimate conclusion. Mari Janashia is fully rounded as Desdemona and Nodar Mgaloblishvili a vampirelike Iago. The mixture of 1870s' acting and 1970s-style production, fired by synthesized thriller music, makes Themur Chkheidze's production irresistible.

In contrast to their academic seniors, the Rustaveli Young Theatre Company, in a folk-play

called The Stepmother, provided a delightful climax to the Georgian season. The performances of the young cast showed a verve and commitment seldom seen in British drama school productions.

Gizo Zhordania's production is played in a set of huge nursery cupboards. The play tells of a widower who wishes to marry again. His family, frightened for their inheritance, try to find him a woman who is guaranteed to be barren. Inevitably, she gets pregnant and the family wreak an horrific revenge, which sours the mood of what, up till then, has been a pacey comedy, moving sant village to aesthete's salon with great aplomb. The change of tone, however, is superbly and movingly handled.

The only hint of the dangerous political situation in the Soviet Union came when most of the young Georgians ended their performance by singing their national hymn. They then encouraged the audience to sing the nationalist anthem "Flower of Scotland", which has replaced the National Anthem on Scottish football and rugby terraces. What is the audience being asked to sing now that the company has moved on to Winchester and Bristol?

ALASDAIR CAMERON

from Willie Ross as a hapless amputee, from Trevor Laird as a would-be subversive, from Dennis Edwards as perhaps the greatest corpse yet seen on stage and from Jim Barclay as a jolly policeman with an endearing taste for the gory. Any complaint could only be that the three women in the cast tend to err on the side of hysteria, and that the inclusion of the caricature of the "media-brat" TV

Those things apart, the show is a stunner. If the notoriously cau-

NEW RELEASES

MARD TO KILL (18): Seven Seegal as a cop energing from a seven-year coma to avenge hantest on his assasiants. Lacklastre action hare, with Kelly Le Brock. Carmons: Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Pariton Street (071-530 0331) Warner (071-438 0781) Whiteleys (071-732 3303/3324).

THE PUNESHER (18): Routine thuggery, based on the Marvel Comics character, with based on the Marvel Comics character, will Dolph Lundgren as a former poince capitain avenging his family's death. Caminotic Codord Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-630 0631).

THE VANISHING (12): The boylinerd of a tourist lidespood in France hunts for her tourning captor. Slick thriller in the Hitchcock mould from Dutch director George

Centron Chelses (071-352 5086) Tottschem Court Fload (071-536 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

WE'RE NO ANGELS (15): Robert De Niro and Seen Perni se convicts hiding out in a monestery. Comball comedy-drams parily seved by its strong period atmosphere; director, Neil Jonten. Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3003/3294).

CURRENT

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Gluseppe Tomatore's nostelgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the moves. Curzons: Maylair (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

DREAMS (PG): Akira Kurosawa's feritasia on themse of violence, ecology, and the artist's urge to create: Uneven, a touch naive, but a visual feest. Gate (071-727-4043) Lumbire (071-536 0691) Screen on the HB (071-435 3396). THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY II (PG): THE SCOUS MINS! THE LANCE IT IN THE SCOUS MINS! THE CAME IT IN THE SCOUS MINS! THE STATE IT IN THE SCOUS MINS IN THE STATE IT IN THE SCOUS MINS IN THE LANCE IT IN THE SCOUS MINS IN THE LANCE IT IN THE SCOUS MINS IN THE S

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 THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Seen Concery as a Soviet submert commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-gissnost drams.

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 iNTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard INTERNAL AFFARS (195) Florand Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles copa sucked into a vortex of insecurity and comption. Tired theiler, given some kick by British director May Priggs.

Cannones: Fullium Rood (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 9981) Plaza (071-89 2998) Whiteleys (071-792)

♠ JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Grating. nsympathetic action looder from disector later Hill, with Mickey Rouths as a latigured criminal who plans a double-cross slowing plastic surgery. With Elfen Burlen. Jannon Haymerket (071-838 1527).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NING OF THE WIND (U): Peter Duffell's picturesque femily film based on the real-file adventures of an 18th-century mute Arab bay (Navin Chowdiny) and his horse. With Nigel Hewittons, Jenny Agutter.
Cannons: Chelsee (071-352 5056) Haymarket (071-836 1527) Tottenhism, Court Road (071-836 6148) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5005).

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4 THE KRAYS (18): Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to incarceation in separate prisons. Peter Mediak directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gany and Martin Karno, Balle Whitelew.
Camnon Chelese (071-382 5986) Odecris: Kensington (071-502 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-732 3933/3824).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12)- Mile comedy about an unmerried mum and he tailing beby, John Travolta, Kirste Alley and Bruce Wille's voice.
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LOVERBOY (15): Patrick Dempsey as a frisky pizza delivery boy with appreciative woman clients. Disappointing, bland comedy from director Josen Moldin Silver. Carmons: Chebes (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-635 0310).

◆ McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Previet of Robert Altiman's moodly Western about a gambler (Warren Beetty) establishing a bordello in a mining town, With Julio Christie. ICA Cinema (071-830 3847).

MONSEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachstor's cark obsession with his neighbour; a striking achievement by director Patrice

MY LEFF FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story; upliting lars, marveflously acted, w Oscar-winners Daniel Day-Lewis and

Premiera (071-439 4470)

♦ A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5: THE OREAM CHILD (18): Robert England vengeful monster tediously preys on yet more children. Gruesomety polished speci effects, but the plot is a thing of shreds l paiches. Moon Paston Street (071-830 0831).

♦ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane shefering as nuns in Janel Suzmen's convent school. Fast and edy, aimed at fanciers of the gerenously 221y, 1900 (empt-precent Jonethen Lynn. Odeone: Haymarinat (071-839 7687) (ensington (071-602 6644/5) Merble Arch (071-723 2011) Swisd Cottage (071-722 5305) Screen on the Green (071-226 3680) Whiteleys (071-782 3303/3324).

◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamel ♦ PRETTY WOMAN (155; Shamelessly old-lashoned romantic comedy, given some modest charm and aparide by Julia. Roberts as a gawky prostitute who softens the crust of ruthless businessman Richard Gers. Director: Gerry Marshad.
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Street (171-925 2772) Warner (171-439
1791) Whiteleys (171-792 3303/3324). ♦ ROGER AND ME (15): Michael Moore's iconoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636

SHE-DEVIL (15): Researce Barr as the jitted frump who takes revenge when her husband takes up with Maryl Streep.
Overly strident adaptation of Fay Weldon's Life and Loves of a She-Devil from director Streep Self-inform.

Susan Seidelman. Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6544/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111). A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krzysztof Kleslowski's powerful and earle tale of voyeunam and sexual failure. Second in the series based on the Ten Commandments. Premiere (071-439 4470).

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WORD-WATCHING

(a) Rendering absolutely void, something that wipes out and annihilates something else, from the Latin dirimere to separate, interrupt: "The Holy and Infathible Church having authority to establish new, incontrovertible, and essential and diriment impediments to matrimony."

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(b) A possines store at the same of a own or window, an ornamental framing stone, probably a variant of *rabbet*, but influenced by *reveal*: "Some of the thickest of them produce good cutting stones that are apt for rybats,"

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deliciously flavoured grapes, one sort, called by the Boers the "honeypot", of immense size."

(a) Skipping, standard in AmerEnglish, new ist British English: "The jump-rope girls are popping up all over the place with the kind of wacky uniforms and resy cheeks that have me drafting a sick note in my head."

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JUMP-ROPE

harrowingly funny farce which opened last week. Author Andy de la Tour has

previous good work to his credit — notably Here We Go! and Viva! but in this production he has excelled himself.

The play was a winner of a LWT 1989 Plays On Stage award and director Jude Kelly and designer Fran Thompson have done great justice to a script that uses the medium of farce for direct political statement.

This is not a new idea: Dario Fo comes much to mind, but Fo's work is inherently diluted in the UK because of translation, while de la Tour's dialogue is intact and

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible

as incisive as his ritually choreographed, farcically timed entrances and exits. Indeed, this play may well change the minds of those who

have generally not been lovers of farca. It is a form that requires the audience to feel a tension during the will-they-won't-they-notice? iges. It is a good deal easier to feel that tension when the issue is not one of misplaced lingerie but of whether or not misplaced greed and sinful shambles can really lead to the unnecessary amputation of limbs. Here it does, and more than

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and tied to a tree. (Ceetex) 10.15 Question Time. Peter Steams in

Cook present the last in the series which

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Dickleburgh, Norfolk, to Thetford Forest

joined at the Greenwood Theatre by Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence; Ruth Wishert, a journalist on

The Scotsmen, Simon Jenkins, editor

security Crimewatch Lift Update. Nick Ross

and Sue Cook report on viewers' responses to tonight's reconstructed

of The Times and Care Short MP.

Labour's spokeswomen on socia

crimes. (Ceefax)
11.25 Cagney and Lacey: Fathers and
Daughters. A father apparently com
suicide, but Mary Beth is suspicious
and manages to extract a confession

from the men's widow. Then the

daughter walks into the police station cleaning that she murdered him after suffering years of sexual abuse. Staming Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless (r) 12.15am Cricket: First Test, Richle

Benaud introduces highlights from the first day's play between England and New Zastand in the first Cornhill Test match at Trant Bridge

you have seen it before, is following the process by which apparently irreconcilable strands are ultimately

resolved. The second point is that a

series seemingly rooted in the very British world of Waserlinster and Whitehalt in fect has a universal

enjoyed by audiences in the most

unlikely countries. The moral must be that bureaucracy is the same the

world over. Tonight Hacker and Si

select committee, but realize they

are not necessarily on the same side 8.30 On the Line. A football team entirely

megazine 9,00 KYTV. Weekly salellite satire which,

composed of ex-drug addicts, the dangers of the TT Races on the Isl

of Man and the proposed new nations ruling in soccer are discussed in

tonight's edition of the fast-paced sports

in tonight's episode, concerns itself with finding a spleen donor for Mr Reginald Hartford of Swindon. The

donor goes vie an ice cream van to the hospital while the studio penel

section of the BBC's design awards

which includes the Design Museum light and the Mound Stand at Lord's

Cricket Ground, plus cafés, shopping centres, housing estates and garden

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9.07 How Far Can You Go? The
finel programme, in which
Berry Norman exemites the
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the Church of England and
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10.00 News; The Natural History
Programme: Twee and Weet

10.45 An Act of Worship (a) 11.06 News: Citizens 11.25 On The Ropes (LW only):

MacGregor presents the first of three special reports from Mescare, and 6.30, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Warther 8.57 Vesturies

Programme: Tyme and Weer Special includes a report from the Gatterness Garden Feeting

do, but, except for a brief pur of "Thank you" in acknowledgement of a tribute to his long service to broadcasting, Humphrya does not depart from his brief of

trying to get Archer to comment specifically on his

political aspirations (low auccess rate) and on the thickness of his ekin while under the from hostile para.

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Forecast 2.00 News, Woman's Hour-includes an Interview with actress Coral Alkins, and an

item on giving and receiving

RADIO 4

discusses their progress. 9,30 BBC Design Awards 1990. Muriel Gray introduces the Environment

10.10 Badger Night. Naturalist Jeseice

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Youth Asthma Award Scheme run by

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Arms Ford

and Andrew Harvey. Weather

Professor Rubik and his cube (8.00pm)

goes horse riding and discovers some

new innovations to help both horse

and rider, including a saddle that adjusts to the size of the horse and

slip-on shoe for horses to weer on

ent surfaces. There is also a

report from Hungary about the Prince of Wales's recent meeting with

Professor Rubik, Inventor of the famous

Revenge, a tale of untimely death (r). (Ceelax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight

Chromosome follows the race between two scientists who are trying to

track down the gare for cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease which affects two million people in Britain

alone. Creatures of Chance questions the basic assumptions behind the concept of evolution, and argues that instead of survival of the fittest,

their relative strength in their

7.35 Business Matters. Britons have traditionally regarded Italian business as

strations that conception with contributions from people involved in

tialian business, which now has a significantly higher turnover then its

British counterpart, Wales: Gardening

Paul Eddington and Migel Hearthorne (ELM)cos

Loyalty.

There may be nothing fresh to say

demonstrating all these years, plots are not essential to situation comedy

But they can greatly enhance it. Part of the joy of Yes, Minister, even when

2.00 Der ferne Klang (FM only): Hagen Theatre Chorus; Hagen Philhermonic Orchestra under Halasz perform Franz

Halasz perform Frenz Schreiker's errotic and mystical opera, The Distant Sound. Sung in German 4.35 Guitar Music (FM only): Miguel Gartu, Fernando Millet play their own arrangements of works by Scarlatti, Pujol'a arrangement of Fella's Spanish Denoe "La vida breve" and Paco de Lucia's Guajiras (r)

Gusiras (f)
5.05 Spanish Phapeody (FM only):
Walton (Tango, Pasadoble,
Tarantella, Sevillana
"Façade": City of Birmingham

Lordon Frienamore: Orchestra under Frühlbeck die Burgos, with Alicia die Larrocha, pieno) 5.30 Menty for Piessure (FM only until 6.30): Kind hearts and coronets, with Richard Baker 7.00 Naves

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Alexander Goehr, a

7.30 Innocent Ear (new series):
Three programmes on musical preconceptions. Robert Layton plays some of his records, but he closs not

records, but he does not reveal what they are until a then more than the series of the

1061) (r) 9.00 All the World's a Globe: The final episode with guest Ben

Kingsley

9.15 A Most Delightsul Art: The
Consert of Musicke under
Anthony Rooley performs
some early machigals by Lucia

Marenzio (r) 9.45 Music in Our Time: Luigi Nono,

West German Radio
Symphony Orchestra under
Michael Gielen performs
Variationi canoniche; A Carlo
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11.00 Composers of the Week:
Choon (Ballade No 2 in F;
Waitz in C sharp minor, Op 64
No 2; Scherzo No 3 in C sharp
minor, Fantasy in F minor;
Three Noctumes, Op 15;
Polonisiae-Fentasy in A flati (r)

1924-90. A tribute, introduced by Richard Bernas. South West German Radio

Poloneise Fentesy in A flat) (r)

composer in residence at Aldeburgh this year, talks with

Symphony Orchestra under Louis Frèmaux), Albèniz, oroh Lattter (Rapsodia espanola: London Philharmorec

about this marvellous show but it is worth repeating a couple of basic points that may get overlooked. The first is the immeduate plotting. As Last of the Summer Wine has been

5.00 Yes. Minister: A Question of

a bit of a joke. The progremme

environments (r)

species survive more by chance than by

8.00 Tomorrow's World. Bob Symes

8.30 Russ Abbot, Includes Mildews's

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceelex)

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BBC 1

Burden and Fiona Foster 8.55 Regional

News and weather rollowed by The Travel Show Guides. A holidaymaker's guide to the Greek island of Crete (r) 9.35 Discovering Birds. Tony Soper takes another look at our feathered

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Paul

9.00 News and weather followed by The

10.00 News and weather followed by

Matchpoint (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by

Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

10.25 Chischen's DEC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Cricket: First Test. England versus New Zealand in the first Combill Test

from Trent Bridge, includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00. 12.55

Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

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1.50 Cricket: First Test, Further coverage of the first Cornhill Test between England and New Zealand at Trent

Bridge
3.50 Rupert nameted by Ray Brooks 3.55
Mersey Tales. Mark Chetterton tells the
story of *Peter and the Soy.* by
Graham Booth (r) 4.00 Laurel and
Hardy (r) 4.05 Happy Families (r)
4.20 New Adventures of Mighty
Mouse (r) 4.35 Defenders of the

Former Blue Peter presenter Janet Elias returns to give the results of the

9.25 Maths: estimation atrategies 9.40

Two young people experience home-sickness on holiday 10.00 Saving the world from drug abuse 10.10

Techniques for learning to spell 10.20 A-level statistics 10.40 Designing textiles 11.00 The story of the Tudor warship, the Mary Flose 11.20 The

effect on the environment of the

ploughing of the Flow Country 11.40

Three young people's friendship is put to the test 12.03 Working with the elderly and handicapped 12.25 The use of new technology to help traditional industries in the Third World 12.50

Primary school science 1.20 PC
Pinkerton 1.25 A took at animal families

Jessel examines the pressures on university and college students that

can lead to severe depression and, in

the closing assion of the first day's play in the first Test between England and New Zaeland from Trent Bridge

editions of the science magazine. In Nature Bites Back it is suggested

that the way in which our forests are

managed causes a rare illness called

RADIO 3

8.35am Open University (FM only)
 5.55 Whether and News Headlines
 7.00 Morning Concert: Soler
 (Concerto in D: Hanni Widmer and Brune Eberhard, organs);
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7.35 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Ame
(Cantata, Delia: London
Baroque, with Emma Kirldy,
soprano): Roussel (Serenade,
Op 30: Alegri Quarret
Members, with Christopher
Hyde-Smith, flate, Manea
Robles, harp): Mozart (Pane
Concerto in F. K 459: ECO
under Tate, with Mitsuko
Uchida
8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week:
J.C. Bach (Overture No 2 in D:
Academy of Ancient Music
under Hogwood); Abel (Frans
le belle lagrime: London
Barroque under Medlam, with
Emms Kinthy, sporano; Fluts

Emma Kirkby, soprano; Flute Sonata No 1 in D. Nicholas

McGegen, Christopher Hogwood, fortepiano); Handel (Armida abbandonata: Kirkby

and the Baroque; Symphony in D, Op 18 No 4: Collegium

9.35 Grieg and Seaverud: The plantal Jen Henrik Kayser performs Grieg (Slätter, Op 72 Nos 14, 16, 8 and 7); Saeverud: (Planc Pieces, Opp 14, 21, 22, 24, 25) (r)
10.10 Langhem CO (FM only from 10,45) under Meurice Handford performs Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K 201); Britten (Sinfonletta) (r)
10.45-6.30pm Test Matich Special (MW only); England v New Zealand, First Comhill Test. Commentary from Trent

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10.50 Yorkshire Bach Choir (FM only) under Peter Seymout, with Ray McDaniel, organ, performs Mexican fituagical music by Padilite and Brevo

11.20 BBC Sottish SO (FM only)

1.40 Music for children 2.00 News and weather followed by Watch. Cage birds (r) 2.15 Made by Man. Windmills and the part they

play in making bread (r)
2.80 Everything To Live For? David

extreme cases, suicide (r) 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminner Live. Includes Prime

Minister's Question Time 8.50

News, regional news and weather 4.00 Cricket: First Test, Live coverage of

6.35 Antenna. Three films from earlier

Lyme Disease. Walking the

PM Same and Mrs. \$5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Samon Bates 12.30pm Novabest 12.45 Gary Deutes 3.00 Mike Read of the Atherson 5.30 Noves 10 6.00 Mark (Gooder 7.00 Top of the Pops (with 8BC1) 7.30 Philip Scholdeld 5.30 John Pest 16.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am

RADIO 2

David Jecobs 2.06 Gloria Humstord, main 3.40 Pacing from Eponric Herson Cup 3.56 Party Political Breadcast by the Labour Party 4.05 Party Jones in Concert 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Ransons and the Grumbleweade 7.30 Mally Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 9.40 Harpatinelli Foli Herris talks about the artists who have implied him 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05 sm Jacz Parade 12.37 Mallul Emil Luogh 1.00 pare-4.00 Mightinde 18W as above except 6.45-7.00 pm Sport and Classified Fissusts

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6.45 Open University: The Real World.

8.00 News 6.15 Westminster presented by Peter

9.00 Daytime on Two: River pollution

Ends at 7.10

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11.20 BBC Scottish SO (FM only)
under George Hurst, with
Robert Cohen, cello, performs
Tropett (Rival Dances); SaintSaens (Cello Concerto No 1);
Dvořák (Salent Woods);
Brahms (Symphony No 4)
1.00pm News (FM only)
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert (FM only); The panist Nikolai
Demidenko performs Scarlatti (Keyboard Sonatas: Kt 9, 11, 87, 344, 400, 417 and 518);
Bach (Capriccio in B flat, BWV 992); arr Busoni (Tocata and Fugue In E flat, BWV 552)

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Dream Chasers (1985): A boy with
a test diness between the elderly owner of
an antiques shop and sets off on a trip to
Wyoming. Starring Harold Gould and Justin

counsellor daties a base stamp Andrew Ross 9,40 Projector: Moves on Sky 10,00 The Running Afan (1687): Amold Schwarzenogger stars as a contestant on a tribustic gameshow where the prize is his life. Co-stars Mané Conchita Alonso and Venhet Kotto

11.45 Preddy's Nightmenes (1988); Tele-vacon serice, staming Robert England se Freddy Knietger 1.45em Rosemany's Killer (1981): A Sec-ond World War veteran kills his unfaithful guthrend, Thirty-line years later, a provier in stationg teenagers at a local disco. Can the be the same men? Staming Victy Devision 4.00 Jake Speed (1986): Comic book action as hero Jake Speed (Wayne Cawriord) aprings into action to reacture a beautiful women from a group of white alsee traders, fed by John Flurt. Ends at 5.45

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Staring Frank Similar and Dean Martin 5.30 The Movie Show 6.00 The Baset of Hollow Mountain (1985):

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Comedy show, starring Kit
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Paul B. Device and Patty-Jo
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7.00 Never 7.05 The Archers
7.20 To Wear the Crown: Dr
Jonathan Steinberg recalls the
events of 23 years ago when
young King Constantine of
Greece was easing after a

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Heymarket Theatre; James
Birch reports on the Kiev
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12.00-12.30 art News, Incl 12.20 Westher 12.33 Shipping

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between pomography and sexual violence against women 9.00 LA Law. Sack drama centred on a

4.15 The Adventures of Taddy Ruxpin (r) 4,40 Enid Blyton's Castle of Adventure. A dramatic and to the adventure serial

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6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.20 Themes News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle)
7.30 Natura Watch, Julian Fettiller meets

Jo Cronin whose job is to keep New York's Hudson River pollution-free 8.00 The Bill. More high quality drama from Sun Hill police station, now refurbished. A brutal mugging leads to an ament but WDC Martella is womed.

against pornography based on the allegation that there is a direct link

team of wealthy American lawyers.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.35 The City Programme. Would Britain's entry into the ERM prove to be a straitjacket in a sterling crisis? And Lloyd's of London's summer of Inigation

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and internel dissant 11.05 When in Rome. What Rome has to offer those with no interest in football. 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H

12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers counselled on their personal and emotional problems 1,00 Film: You've Got To Live Dangarously (1975) staming Claude Brassour and Annie Gindot. A tongue-in-cheek French thriller about a private eye who finds himself involved in a complex plot when he's hired to find out whether a young woman is cheating on her older lover.

Directed by Claude Makovsky

3.00 The Twitight Zone. Time and Teresa

Golowitz — a tale of the supernatural 3.30 Bedrock. Fairport Convention in

concert
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5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne
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230 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond looks

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6,00 Things To Come. Programme five of
the 13-part series taking a look at the
future, often with a satirical eye.
Presented by Malcolm Bennett and

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7.00 Channel 4 Naws with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi 7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Opinions: High Stake Poker. • Haroki Pinter, who kicked off this series of personal views last week, was a fight act to follow but the Indian writer, Gits Mehta, is soon into her tranchant stride with a disenchanted view of the way Indian politicians have tried to bribe, bully and manipulate the country's 500 million voters. She

The Withered Arm, by Thomas Herdy, dramatized by Colin Heydh Evens (s)

Sontains: A review of the law biography on the estiat Vincent Van Gogh; and author David Sweaman talks to Nigal Forde about The Love of Many

offers her theme as a warning to the states of eastern Europe, who must similarly try to foster political democracy in a backward economy. With half the Indian electorate unable to read or write, it is perhaps no wonder that they have been vulnerable to persussion, of both the violent and ron-violent kinds. But Gita Mehta sees optimistic signs. The people are refusing to be pre-and are starting to hit back. Personalities, she reckons, are counting for less than issues. Voters, not politicians, have emerged as the true guardians of Indian democracy

8.30 My Two Dads: Friends and Lovers.
Forgettable American sit-com about two men bringing up a 12-year-old girl.
Tonight Nicole's babysitter becomes the object of Michael's desire



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9.00 Film: Dance with a Stranger (1985).Like Yield to the Night, shown recently on Chennel 4 in tribute to its ster Diena Dors, Dance With a Stranger is a cinematic version of the case of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to heng in Britain. But with capital punishment now abolished, the contemporary interest of Dence With a Stranger lies in its 1980s perspective

Fifty Years On.

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on such issues as sex and class. Ellis's shooting of her brash young lover may have been a crime of passion which stemmed inevitably from their obsessive affair. But Shelagh Delaney's incisive screenplay also has much to say about Ellis as the victim of a hypocritical society which condemned her both as a woman and for failing to attain her lover's upper-class status. Miranda Richardson, in her first big part, skillfully reflects these tensions, which are carefully underlined by Mike Newell's claustrophobic

direction. (Oracle) 10.55 Faces of War: Four Hours In My

 A series of award-winning documentaries on the number face of war is launched with Yorkshire Television's brilliant reconstruction of the My Lai massacre in Vietnam. The young men of Charlie Company, many still in their teens, were typical American boys-next-door who in March 1968 murdered more than 500 defenceless men, women, children and bribies in cold blood. Women and oirls were raped, homes destroyed and burned. The facts did not emerge intil 18 months afterwards and the culprits went largely unpunished. Found guilty of 20 murders, Lt William Calley served only three days in geol and was freed on parole. The film reliver the incident with survivors from the American and Vietnamesa sides, both, in their different ways, haunted by

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football game (r)

1.10 Film: El Sur (1963). Another delicate study of childhood by the Spanish director Victor Erice, who made The Sparit of the Beative. Set in a small farmhouse and nearby village in northern Spain in the 1950s, the film is told in flashback through the eyes of a girl at the ages of 15 and eight, concentrating on memories of her doctor father. The girl is played by two fine child actresses, Iciar Bollan and Sonsolee Arenguren. Ende st 2,50

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Tories propose graded poll tax

CHIEF POLITICAL

CONSERVATIVE MPs have drawn up proposed changes to signed to counter what they describe as its "evil" effect of breaking up large families. Sir Rhodes Boyson, one of

the leading Conservative critics of the poll tax, has proposed that individual members of a family should pay differing community charge rates. The head of a household would pay 100 per cent of the standard charge set by a local authority, the spouse 80 per cent, the first child aged over 18, 60 per cent, the second 40 per cent and the third 20 per

Elderly relatives living with their children would also pay a lower rate, but everyone living in a household, however big, would have to pay at least 20 per cent.

Sir Rhodes and colleagues with whom he has discussed the plan are to submit the idea of a "differential family charge" to the Cabinet committee that is considering the operation of the poll tax. They are to see Mr Michael Portillo. the Minister for Local Government, to urge that the proposal be adopted. Sir Rhodes said yesterday

that his proposal met the main principle behind the community charge — that everyone should contribute to their local services. However, it would prevent the break-up of families with several adult children, who were facing severe pressures from the community charge. In some large families, the bill ran into thousands of pounds.

In homes where the head of household could not afford to pay for all his family, and the younger members were on low wages, tension was sure to arise and the children would inevitably leave home, "There are certain to be big rows," he

The system also encouraged people to put their elderly relatives into residential homes, where they would not he liable for the poll tax.

Sir Rhodes said last night: "We are supposed to be the party of the family and we should be taking deliberate measures to rebuild the extended family. But one of the most disastrous and unintentionally evil effects of the poll tax is that it will inevitably lead to the tearing apart of families. I do not think the Government fully recognizes only just beginning to pay the charge.

The Cabinet committee, under Mrs Thatcher, has not yet resumed its deliberations after the Whitsun parlia-



Stepping out: A piper, Steafan Haunigan, and clowns, Mattie, Christo and Ketrina, take Gemma Speczyk and Leon Hackett for a walk in Hyde Park to announce the Walkathon on June 24 when 10,000 people will walk 10 miles to raise money for children with cerebral palsy

Gorbachov orders talks as domestic turmoil increases

WITH his successful summit with President Bush behind him, President Gorbachov yesterday moved swiftly to get a grip on mounting domestic Officials announced the

convening of the Central Committee of the Communist Party yesterday as the death toll in Kirghizia rose to 40, the three Baltic republics plotted further rebellion against Moscow, and opposition to the Government's plan for a "controlled" market economy involving steep price rises

In Frunze, the capital of Kirghizia, a crowd threw stones at Mr Medet Sherimkulov, head of the Kirghizia Communist Party, when he tried to speak to dem-onstrators. Tass said police fired "warning shots". More troops were drafted in

from Tashkant, Baku and continued between native Kirfor the third day despite a state of emergency. Forty people

helicopters helped to reinforce a curfew in Osh in Muslim central Asia. But clashes continued in the suburbs, with cars set on fire and official buildings attacked. Six people were killed in fighting in the nearby town of Uzgen.

The Soviet Interior Ministry said the riots in Kirghizia were "a mass disorder, a real catastrophe" and Kirghiz radio called on people to stay

At Jurmala, near Riga, the Latvian capital, the three Baltic presidents - Mr Arnold Ruugei of Estonia, Mr Anatoli Gorbanov of Latvia and Mr Vytautas Landsbergis of Lithuania - met to consider the outcome of the Bush-Gorbachov meeting and to plan further steps towards independence. Lithuania has already declared independence and Latvia and Estonia have charted gradual transi-

ghiz and the Uzbek minority Lithuanian Foreign Minister, tempts by hardliners in the to follow Mr Yeltsin's lead said Baltic states did not want Russian parliament to frus- and adopt full-blooded market a "confrontation" with Mr trate Mr Yeltsin could bring reform in which the state have died during the fighting, Gorbachov. But he told an people back on to the street. planning system would be sparked off by a land dispute. East German newspaper that He said Russia was "polarized dismantled and giant min-Troops in armoured cars and vital energy supplies could be and paralysed" with Mr istries abolished.

other republics to defeat the Soviet economic boycott of Lithuania, provided the transport problem was resolved. He Communists, who still did not said "democrats" in the Tyu-understand the change said "democrats" in the Tyumen oil fields of Siberia had offered 300,000 tonnes of petroleum in exchange for meat, but had been unable to get the supplies to Vilnius because "all routes pass

through Moscow". Baitic hopes, not to mention the hopes of many Russians, lie with Mr Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, who yesterday said he "expected" to meet Mr Gorbachov this week because "our co-operation is indispensible". But he told Moscow News that Mr Gorbachov would have to

accept the dialogue "in the framework of Russian sov-Mr Yegor Yakovley, the Radicals want Mr Gorbachov, Mr Algirdas Zaugardas, warned that continuing at-

obtained from Russia and Yeltsin and his reformist allies in both Moscow and Leninovertaking them.

Senior Kremlin sources said the Central Committee would meet this weekend, after Mr Gorbachov's talks with Mrs Thatcher tomorrow. The Central Committee will prepare the way for the crucial party congress in three weeks time, at which a split between hardliners and reformers is expected. But it will also redraft the controversial economic plan.

Fears of a free-for-all market in which prices would rise and state subsidies would collapse set off a wave of panic buying in Moscow two weeks ago and helped to sweep Mr

morning showers, some heavy, will be breaking out. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers or longer periods of

rain which will continue into the night near porth-western coasts. It will be a little cool and rather windy around northern

Plan to muzzle fierce dogs

By JOHN LEWIS POLITICALISTAFF

DANGEROUS dogs will have to be muzzled under a law to be put forward by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary.

The proposal is in a consultative document Mr Waddington is to publish in the next two to three weeks in response to the growing number of reported attacks by Rott-weilers and other fierce dogs. The campaign was intensified last month after a four-yearold girl was badly savaged by a Rottweiler and an Alsatian.

Parts of the new document will be reconsidered in the light of public reaction, but the intention to bring in a new law on muzzling and to increase the penalties for letting loose a dangerous dog is understood to be firm. The aim is to bring forward legislation in the next parliamentary session, starting in November.

Civil law which allows me attacked or the ened to take action has already been updated by the 1989 Dangerous Dogs Act. Mr Waddington is, however, planning a revision of the little used Town Police Clauses Act l of 1847.

bomber in the form of Allan Stewart (C, Eastwood) lumbered up behind and asked about housing in Barrhead.

LORD James Douglas Hamilton is a junior minister in the brave Tory Scots team. Massively outnumbered by the Opposition, the do-or-die spirit of this intrepid posse is typified by the fair-haired and plucky little Etonian boxing blue, the second son of the first man to fly over Everest and 14th Duke of Hamilton - the target of the

Political sketch

Fighting them

Hess mission. The Commons assembled, yesterday for Scottish Questions. Lord James waited in his hopeless ministerial corner: housing and poll tax.

I watched him, my mind far from this Westminster splendour. For Lord James has just finished writing a book, to be published by Airlife Publishing, priced at £14.95: The Air Battle for Malta: Diaries of a Spitfire

I had carried the sleeve with me into the Chamber, for - though Lord James's book centres upon his uncle, Lord David Douglas Hamil-ton — your sketchwriter knew that the young nephew bore his uncle's tradition into a new and equally fearsome theatre of war. The Battle for Scotland. The odds were appalling.
As the SNP's merciless Jim

Sillars (Glasgow, Govan) raked the Chamber with the ack-ack and Mac-Mac of Celtic syllables, our James crouched — a picture of bemused good humour — ducking the abuse. I banished the image of Snoopy versus The Red Baron. Wrong war.

For was Lord James not the reincarnation of a central figure in his book, "Laddie" Lucas, the Spitfire pilot? Alone (well, almost: there was a handful of Tories behind him) he faced a squadron of some three score fighters on the Axis benches

A vicious Messerschmitt in the form of John McAllion (Lab, Dundee E) dived out of the sky at him on Question 2, and asked about the current level of capital spending by the Scottish Homes Agency. James adjusted his goggles and peered at the charts his civil ground-staff had provided. Avoiding-action!

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"Scottish Homes are considering a consultants' report on the future of Barrhead" he replied, dipping his wings. This was easy.

Suddenly, a Fokker - and a pretty silly one - came screaming out of the sun. Said Ron Brown (Lab, Leith): "Your Government has conned people into buying called homes? What did the Fokker mean? Lord James tried to return fire but from Brown came a series of small explosions as he veered, whining, off course and hurtled like a fireball into the sea.

The heat was off Jamie. now, as a manoeuvrable Hurricane, fellow minister Ian Lang (flying on autopilot, as usual) moved in to cover Question 3. Young Lang, assigned by Nicholas Bennett (C. Pembroke, grounded in Wales) to protect freedom of speech in Scottish universities, fought off the wily Stuka divebomber of the Opposition Front Bench: spokesman Donald Dewar who pretended that the threat was illusory.

Wheeling out of a steel grey cloud, now, came the Stirling Bomber"; junior minister Michael Forsyth (C, Stirling), demolishing Thomas Mc-Avoy (Lab, Glasgow, Rutherglen) for "putting his own political dogma before the interests of patients. McAvoy limped into the sunset, smoke pouring from his port engine.

As I left the war-theatre the Few battled valiantly on numbers further depleted by the destruction of "Kamikaze" Fairbairn (C, Perth & Kinross), who had confused a "green-field" with what he called a "greenpeace" site and crash-landed his Ques tion amid general mirth.

This instalment of the Battie for Scotland was nearly over. Across the Southern sky, from England, drifted the Crawley barrage-balloon. Nicholas Soames seemed unaware of the acts of desperate courage he had missed. "Laddie" James rested modestly on the green beach. He was not a man to boast.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Labour pledge on CO₂

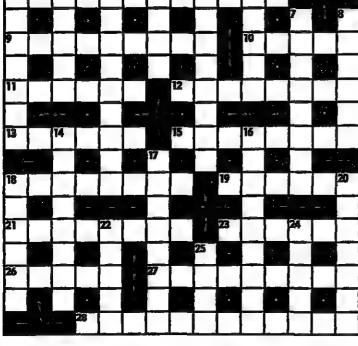
Continued from page 1 White Paper" on the environment this summer, and which generated would focus on the energy and

our accepted that restricting coal-fired power station emissions, which could be done by but said that "for the foresee- fiscal measures," he said.

able future" most British electricity would be coal.

Mr Gould said that Labour Mr Dobson said that Lab- switch from private cars to public transport, but jibbed at the word "restrictions" on private transport to describe Labour's thinking. "We will switching to gas burning, had Labour's thinking. "We will implications for miners' jobs, encourage people by a range of

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- has no name on it (5).

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard DIRIMENT

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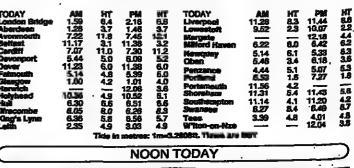
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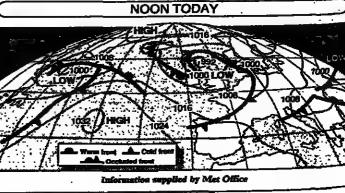
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BUSINESS

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THURSDAY JUNE 7 1990

C&G set to win Thames splashes out after profits hit £179m

forecast in the privatization prospectus. Profits for the transitional year to end-March were also better than forecast, coming in at £179m pre-tax against the forecast minimum of £170 million.

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CHELTENHAM and Glou-

cester Building Society has

nearly completed negotiations to take over the 11-branch

Walthamstow Building

The C&G, the seventh big-

gest society, was thwarted last month in its attempt to take over Frome Selwood Building

Society. The £300 million Walthamstow has specialized

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terest mortgages and recently admitted that 20 per cent of

Electrocomponents, the dis-

tribution group, reported its

22nd successive year of growth with profits up 11.2

per cent to £58.6 million in the 12 months to end March.

Earnings per share climbed

10.8 per cent to 18.4p, while

dividends rose 18.3 per cent to

6p per share after a final payment of 4.3p. An investment of £1,000 when the

group went public 22 years ago is now worth more than E140,000.

Erskine ahead

Erskine House Group, the

photocopier, reports pre-tax profits of £15.6 million (£15.1

million) for the year ended March on a turnover of £223.3

million (£166.1 million). It

gave warning in April that earlier profit hopes of £20 million would not be met. A

final dividend of 4.35p makes

6.65p (6.25p) for the year. Tempus, page 25

Mr Robert Nellist, the former

finance director of Thorn

EMI, has taken on the same

job at Mecca Leisure Group,

now under a £500 million-plus

takeover threat from the Rank

Organisation. He takes over

from Mr Jeremy Long, who

will continue as deputy chief

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Profits rise

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY 33-36

Mr Roy Watts, chairman of higher dividend to the board only when he knew the final results, which were equivalent to £187 million pre-tax in a normal year. This is against the prospectus forecast of £179 million, with carnings per share on that basis of 43.6p against against the forecast of 41.6p.

The dividend of 10.07p, against a forecast 9.72p per share, reflected the group's progressive dividend policy. "We felt shareholders should benefit" said Mr Watts.

The extra profits came from £11 million of profits on property sales, as well as increases in turnover and the benefit of high interest rates on cash balances.

Thames' move lifted most water shares on a day when did not anticipate any need for stocks in other sectors were a hosepipe ban this summer

water industry by declaring a other water groups rose fur-final dividend higher than ther, with Southern, the lowest priced, putting on 3p to 136p.

When the 10 companies were privatized. Thames shares were offered on the lowest dividend yield because of their expected popularity. But they have lagged behind most others since flotation. Thames, said he proposed the The higher payment brought higher dividend to the board the dividend yield on Thames up to 7.1 per cent, about

> Mr Lakis Athanasiou, water analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "I was astonished but probably not as astonished as the chairmen of the other

> Mr Watts left London yesterday to lead a Thames Water roadshow to investors in Geneva, Paris and the US, and will later go to Japan. Foreign investors own less than 10 per cent of Thames shares. Of the 650,000 investors

at privatization, 390,000 still

have them, about 300,000 of Mr Michael Hoffman, chief executive of Thames, said he

THAMES Water surprised falling. Its own shares rose because reservoirs were virtu-both the stock market and the 1.5p to 145.5p. Shares in some ally full and other water sources in good shape.

He defended sindge damp ing at sea. "It is sad that the best environmental option has to go." Converting to incinera-tion on advanced systems is expected to cost £100 million by 1998 but this should qualify to be passed through to customers. The expected £200 million cost of a new reservoir proposed for the Thames Val-ley had been notified before privatization as eligible to be passed through to custo

Thames still expects to have cash balances at the end of this year, despite a rise in its capital investment programme from £240 million to

Thames confirmed it had claimed a £15 million rebate on the cost of its purchase of Portals Water Services because of loss-making contracts. Mr Hoffman said although some loss-making conwho received Thames shares tracts had not been completed. all managers concerned had left and the business was technically good. Turnover at PWT is expected to rise to about £115 million this year.

Comment, page 25



Dividend boost in the pipeline: chairman Roy Watts, right, and chief executive Michael Hoffman yesterday

Fraud squad begins inquiry into Dunsdale

By Jon Ashworth

THE Metropolitan Police fraud squad has begun investigating the affairs of Dunsdale Securities, the London investment firm suspended on Tuesday after the departure of Mr Robert Miller, its only director, from the firm's offices on Friday.

The fraud squad moved in yesterday, acting on advice from Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, which issued an urgent Rule 17 order against the company on Tuesday afternoon.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "Metropolitan Police fraud squad officers are investigating the affairs of Dunsdale Securities. They are trying to determine if a crime has been committed."

Journalists who waited outside the company's offices in unable to find any trace of Mr

reached at his north London home. Last night, a solicitor acting on behalf of clients was due to apply to have the company placed in provisional liqui-

dation. Action was first taken against the company last Friday, after a client tried and failed to withdraw funds which had become overdue. Dunsdale Securities, which to have had between £15 million and £30 million on its

thought to be in the pipeline, and the figure may rise as amounts due for settlement become overdue. Mr Jonathan Fisher, a partner with Jay Benning, the London solicitor, said he had been called in on Friday

books. Several deals are

afternoon, after Mr Miller could not be contacted at Dunsdale's offices. Mr Fisher said he wa

contacted by a client who had become concerned at the late Miller. He could not be payment of funds and had



No reply: Robert Miller's home in north London

approached Dunsdale to realize part of his portfolio. Mr Miller had been at his office during the morning, but could

not be reached at lunchtime. Jay Benning applied to the High Court for an order, freezing the assets of both Dunsdale Securities and Mr Miller. The order will stand until Mr Miller applies for it to be discharged, or in the event of any trial which may follow.

Mr Fisher said he had been contacted by a number of clients, many of whom had invested substantial amounts with Dunsdale Securities. Fimbra ordered the com-

pany to cease trading late on Tuesday afternoon. Fimbra denied it had been slow to act, adding that it acted immediately on receiving complaints from clients. Sir Gordon Downey, Fim-

able, but a spokesman denied there was anything wrong with the compliance and vetting systems used by the Association, despite the delay in taking action.

Mr Miller's company, set up in 1974, became a Funbra member on July 29, 1988. It was allowed to transact all types of investment business and was permitted to handle

Clients are protected up to a maximum of £48,000 each under the investors compensation scheme set up as part of the Financial Services Act. A large rush of claims could have a severe impact on the scheme, which has already paid out more than £3.3 million in the 18 months since

Mr Miller resigned as a director of City Trust, a small private London bank with assets of £6.2 million, in November 1985. Mr Philip Bingham, the company sec-retary, said Mr Miller had worked as a non-executive director and had "come in occasionally" to give advice. The bank specializes in private client work.

payout at BCMB

THE Bank of England has ruled out hopes of an early payout to investors who have £300 million frozen in British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank, the banking subsidiary of the collapsed financial services group.

A statement from the Bank's Deposit Protection Board said that although the Deposit Protection Scheme had been triggered by the group going into administra-tion on Sunday, payments depend on the bank's creditors accepting the administrator's reorganization plans. The administrator has up to three months to put these together.

"While some delay before protection payments can be made is therefore inevitable. the board is seeking to keep this to a minimum.

The administration at BCMB has prevented depositors from withdrawing their funds, even though the Securities and Investment Board ordered financial services firms not to use the bank from last Friday. Many of the deposits belong ultimately to private investors, particularly the 50,000 customers of Stock Group, B&C's private client stockbroker. The board is liaising with BCMB and the administrators to discover how many clients are in-

The Bank is charting new ground over its handling of BCMB, the first bank to be put into administration. Banks were included in the admin-

istration laws in August.

With net assets of £90 million, BCMB is likely to be able to pay all its depositors once the administrator has produced his reorganization programme. This is likely to include the sale of the bank or the winding-up of its loan book. If it cannot make a complete repayment, the protection scheme will pay three quarters of claims up to a £15,000 maximum.

Ernst & Young, the admin-istrator, said it is looking at alternatives to ensure investors within the group can get their funds. These may include temporary loans to companies like Stock Group if they can be arranged.

cuts 500 jobs By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent THE Bank of Credit and expired yesterday. The news Commerce International, the also follows last month's trade finance specialist that announcement of the reloca-

pleaded guilty to laundering tion of the bank's inter-drug money in the US this vear, is closing 17 of its 43 from London to Abu Dhabi British branches with the loss with the loss of 800 jobs. of 500 jobs. The bank has also admitted it is the subject of a new investigation by prosecutors in Florida. It said: "We are

completely confident that once all of the facts are known and fairly evaluated by the (American) government, the bank will not be charged." An internal report, leaked to the Wall Street Journal, gavewarning, however, that the

investigation posed "a very serious danger" of a new indicament against the bank. BCCI (Overseas) pleaded wilty in February to two counts of laundering cocaine profits. It agreed to forfeit \$15 million and was placed on

probation for five years. It is thought that the latest investigation is asking why BCCI injected \$25 million into CenTrust Bank of Miami in 1988. CenTrust went into receivership in March.

The closures in Britain were announced after the bank's call for voluntary redundancies from its 2,400 staff

The closures are part of a worldwide curback that was decided on after the government of Abu Dhabi took a 77 per cent stake in the bank in May. Last year, the bank slumped to a loss of \$498 million, after losing \$48 million in 1988.

A bank spokesman said the closures would be made within the next eight weeks. He added that the bank would pull out of peripheral activities such as factoring and leasing to concentrate on its core trade finance business.

BCCI is thought to be planning similar cutbacks in the US, but there have been suggestions that the extent of the bank's bad debt portfolio may hamper the reorganiza-tion. BCCI says only \$29 million of its \$152 million loan book has been charified as non-performing, but emphasizes this does not mean the loans cannot be that the bank provided \$600 million to cover bad debts.

Hopes fade for early Drug case bank Body Shop in £29.6m cash call

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BODY SHOP, the green re-tailer created by Mrs Anita Roddick, maintained its reputation for strong growth with pre-tax profits up 29 per cent at £14.5 million for the year to February. The group is raising £29.6 million to fund expansion and reduce gearing.

Sales rose 52 per cent to £84.5 million and earnings per share rose 35 per cent to 10p. The final dividend is 1p, making 1.83p for the year, an increase of 35 per cent.

The company, which has gearing of about 95 per cent, is raising £29.6 million through an open offer on the basis of one new share at 425p for every 12 held. The shares finished unchanged at 450p. There is also a one-for-one capitalization issue.

will help fund a workplace creche but most will go towards up-grading manufacturing facilities. Mrs Roddick and her husband, Gordon, are not taking up their rights but will still control 30 per cent of the company.
The US business made a

loss of £1.9 million because of start-up costs. Mr Roddick. the chairman, said it should be in profit in 18 months' time.

Body building, page 25

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an overdraft are going, not growing. Today, more than one third of all company cars are acquired by leasing or contract hire. Comparatively little known ten years ago, contract hire alone now accounts for

nearly 20 per cent. of them. The rapid expansion of the factoring and invoice discounting market, to a value of around £10 billion at the end of 1989, is a further illustration of the increasing sophistication with

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New chief says CBI will re-examine Task Force issues Man from the Pru's peace mission

By OUR EXECUTIVE EDITOR

RARELY can anything done by the Confederation of British Industry be thought of as inspired, but the appointment of Sir Brian Corby, the top Man from the Pru, as president is beginning to look that way. Sir Brian follows in the honest wake of a generation of metal bashers, often also City bashers, and he seems to see his task as bringing the two sides together.

But together only up to a point. At the Mansion House last night, Sir Brian made an interesting admission that the tensions between shareholders who own the companies and the managers who make them work will not, and indeed should not, go away. On the one side, we have managements who fear that an adequate sum of money only has to be dangled in front of fund managers for them to accept it. History is on their side. They have the recent example of the

the break-up vehicle put together by Mr Roland Franklin, to illustrate their case.

On the other side, we have the shareholders, who do after all own the business, rightly complaining that directors manage businesses as if they were their own, rather than shareholders'. Communication is inadequate, directors award themselves vast pay rises and handsome compensation packages in the event they lose their jobs. Their shareholders hear from them only when the company requires more capital or is faced with a hostile bid.

The situation has improved since the Sir David Nickson's Task Force reported three years ago, but Sir Brian is still not satisfied. He told the Lord Mayor and his guests that while communication between management and financial institutions has "undoubtedly improved," it is costing more and taking up an increasing

amount of time on both sides. Sir Brian

company finances were likely to grow, and this will make it all the more important that shareholders have a proper understanding of the strategy of company managements, and vice versa-

"To ensure this is the case, I believe the time has come to re-examine some of the issues considered by the City Industry Task Force and we shall be putting that in hand." The news came just a week after one of

the Task Force's recommendations, that the level of disclosure for shareholdings be brought down from 5 per cent to 3 per cent, has been activated. But grey heads among the audience were remembering that the one issue which the Task Force failed to come to grips with was the structure of relationships between companies and their biggest shareholders.

Perhaps that is why the biggest shareholder of them all wants the issue

GPA still flying high with 59% increase

By Graham Searjeant FUNANCIAL EDITOR

GPA Group, the world's biggest aircraft leasing company, continued its phenomenal growth with a 59 per cent rise in profits to \$242 million on 88 per cent higher revenue of \$1.96 billion in the year to end-March

Mr Tony Ryan, the chairman and chief executive, said the leasing subsidiary had won 20 new airline customers over the year, delivered aircraft to customers at an average rate of more than two per week and placed 148 new aircraft for 1990 and future years.

GPA expects to announce this month a substantial deal to lease aircraft to a Chinese airline, which, Mr Ryan says, is the first use of a full aircraft operating lease in China and a major breakthrough in an important market."

The unquoted Irish company, based in Shannon but which accounts in dollars, the currency of the aircraft industry, has not paid tax on profits until now. From this year, it must pay 10 per cent.

Farnings per share rose from \$28.2 to \$41.9. Shareholders, which include Mr Ryan with 8 per cent but are mainly financial institutions and airlines in Japan, North America and Europe, receive a \$12 dividend, up from \$8.75.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, deputy chairman, said this spring that GPA would probably seek a quotation before the end of 1991. The most recent private share trade, at \$650 per share, valued GPA at £2,3 billion.

GPA admitted the British & Commonwealth affair could make this more difficult at the moment, "Atlantic Computers has caused some people to tar all leasing companies with the same brush" said a

Ryder attacks irresponsible mortgage advertising

By LINDSAY COOK, FAMILY MONEY EDITOR

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tor general, said the housing

market was suffering from a

big slump because it had gone through a massive boom. He

said: "Prices may stop falling,

but there is no reason to

expect a significant increase in

prices for some time, as prices

are currently very high in

10 per cent this year compared

with last, they will still be high

He added that the optimis-

in relation to incomes at the

tic scenario was for falling

interest rates towards the end

of this year and certainly into

1991. This would be coupled

with a falling mortgage rate and house prices beginning to

show signs of recovery late

Mr Mick Newmarch, chief

executive of the Prudential

Corporation, said the com-

pany had given some consid-

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Mr Mark Boleat, BSA direc-

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THE irresponsible marketing not from building societies but of mortgages by some lenders was criticized by Mr Richard from some of your compet-itors. But I have to say the building societies are not en-Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, at the Building Societies Association conmajor financial commitment ference in Brighton yesterday. He was particularly contomers should not be en-

cerned about low-start or deferred interest loans which appeared to claim some form of "lasting" monthly savings. He said: "That is, at best, inaccurate and, in some instances, downright misleading, giving lenders a bad name. Lenders should ensure that their advertising fully

being offered. "Loans are a major financial commitment. Customers should not be encouraged to take out loans unless they are fully aware of all the

explains the implications of

the size and nature of loans

"There is some way to go before some advertisements reach an acceptable standard. This is a matter of both content and tone in the message conveyed to the bor-

"Many advertisements, particularly by brokers, leave too much unexplained and unclear; many do not, for example, make it clear to borrowers that the monthly payment will after an initial

Mr Ryder said he had passed to Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, recent examples of offending advertisements. He added:
"We all know that the worst examples of hard seil come savings and investment."

Profits at Reed rise to £302m



REED International, the publisher, raised pre-tax profits from £271.2 million to £302.0 million in the year to end-March despite difficult conditions in the women's magazines and local newspaper markets in Britain and the American business market (Martin Waller writes). A final dividend of 9.4p

makes a 14p (12p) total.
The launch of Me magazine took Reed's market share of the weekly women's magazines from 49 per cent to 60 per cent, said Mr Peter Davis,

the chairman and chief executive. During the year, the group spent almost £930 million on acquisitions, most in the US, raising the proportion of profits coming from outside Britain from 34 per cent to almost 40 per cent. The group aims to reach 50 per cent within two years.

Underlying profits growth for the group was about 9 per cent. Businesses bought over the past year contributed £62 million to operating profits.

Tempus, page 25

growth continues with £5.7m

By Philip Pangalos

JOHNSON & Firth Brown, the metals and engineering group, saw a continued advance in pre-tax profits, this time 22 per cent to £5.7 million in the six months to

Turnover grew 15.3 per cent to £60.2 million, despite the fall in British consumer demand. The aerospace and environmental sectors were

particularly strong.
Mr George Hardie, finance director, said: "The advance is down to a lot of hard work and choosing the right direction. We have been driving for more exports." More than 60 per cent of revenues come from exports.

Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 3p. The dividend rises to 1p (0.8p).

The figures benefited from

£264,000 interest receipts, compared with £312,000 payments last time. There was a £132,000 extraordinary loss. Cutbacks from customers in the telecommunications market affected profits at Thomas Bolton & Johnson, JFB's 50 per cent associated company which supplies copper to the cable industry. Profits from associated companies fell to £677,000 (£866,000).

Mr Hardie said the compa-ny's product specialization and international spread of markets had enabled it to avoid the worst effects of the economic slowdown.

After all costs have been finalized and paid, the secondhalf profit and loss account will benefit by about £2 mil-

lion, subject to tax.

JFB has about £12 million cash. Part will be used to install additional vacuum induction capacity in the Firth Rixon division to meet rising demand from the aerospace industry.
The shares fell 1/2p to 591/2p.

JFB profit BUSINESS ROUNDUP Japanese firm to help develop Rolls engine

company, is to help develop a Rolls-Royce jet engine for use on the 300-scater 777 airliner to be developed by Boeing. It has agreed to participate under a 1988 agreement between the

two. Rolls-Royce will start developing the engine soon. The Japanese company also agreed in 1988 to supply Rolls with turbine fins, shafts and other components for the Rolls-designed RB 211 aircraft engines. Meanwhile, Rolls says airlines in China have ordered Rolls-Royce engines to power 13 Boeing 757 aircraft in a deal worth about £80 million.

ABI Leisure ahead 39%

ABI Leisure Group, the North Humberside caravan maker that came to the market this year, saw pre-tax profits rise 39 per cent to £2.94 million in the six months to end-February. Turnover advanced 21 per cent to £33.4 million and earnings per share rise 46 per cent to 8.3p. There is no interim dividend, but a final of 3.1p is expected. The shares were unchanged at 130p.

Dealerships for Fitzwilton

FITZWILTON, the Dublin investment group, has made two acquisitions through Keep Trust, its wholly-owned motor distribution business.Keep Trust has bought Runway Motors of Bristol, a Toyota dealership, and the former Henley's Rover operation in High Wycombe, Buckingham-shire. The combined net assets bought amount to

ICM agrees Swiss bid INTERNATIONAL Colour Management, the computerized

colour control systems manufacturer, is recommending a £14.2 million cash bid from Brauerei Eichhof, Switzerland's fourth largest brewer. Terms are 124p a share in cash. a premium of 39 per cent to the market price at close of business on June 5, with a variable rate loan note alternative.

The Swiss have irrevocable acceptances in respect of \$2.6 per cent of ICM's equity. ICM shares climbed 28p to 117p on the bid news. Besides its beverage side, Brauerei owns Datacolour and Applied Colour Systems which develop and make products for industrial colour data processing.

falls to £2.1m

FULL-YEAR pre-tax profits veyor and estate agent, fell 26 per cent, from £2.88 million to £2.12 million, despite a 9 per cent rise in turnover to £9.17 million. Mr David Fletcher, the chairman, announced a final dividend of 4.7p, making the total payment 1.6p lower at 9p.

Fletcher King BAe acquires more of R&T

BALLAST Nedam, British Aerospace's Dutch construction business, has bought another building operation from the receivers of Rush & Tompkins, which collapsed in April. It has bought the Leeds office and plant and equipment for an undisclosed sum. About 20 Rush & Tompkins employees will be offered jobs.

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EARNINGS AND DIVIDEND BETTER THAN FORECAST

Preliminary Results for the year ended Sist March 1990

Turnover and other income £652m

Profit before tax £179m

Pro forma profit before tax £187m

Pro forma earnings per share 43.6p

Dividend per share 10.07p

The Board of Thames Water Pic has announced preliminary results for the year ended 31 March 1990. The period being reported on includes Thames first seven months trading as a public limited company. For only the last four of these, the company enjoyed independent status with its own Stock Exchange listing.

As a result of the changes that have taken place, the results for the year ended 31 March 1990 are not directly comparable with those of the previous year, primarily because of changes in capital structure and the exclusion of National Rivers Authority activities from Thames' results in the year under review. However, the prospectus published at the time of privatisation contained a profit forecast for the year. Thames forecast a profit before tax and extraordinary items of £170... million (£178m on a pro forma basis), and a dividend per share of 9.72p. The profit before tax of £179 million (pro forma £187m) for the year to 31 March 1990 means that Thames has exceeded its forecast by a little more than 5%. The Board of Thames are recommending a dividend of 10.07p reflecting the company's: progressive dividend policy."

Roy Watts



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Bass's new focus on Holiday Inn

plans to streamline its Holiday Inn business in North Amer-

In April, the company said managed hotels were to be run separately from franchised hotels, some satellite manufacturing activities were to be closed, and rationalization of administration would result in more than 600 redundancies.

The rationalization costs million, with annual cost savings of about \$17 million.

Bass said it will strengthen the Holiday Inn brand by refocusing marketing, training and educational services. The company said the needs of

special attention. Mr Ian Prosser, the chairman of Bass, said the Holiday Inn hotels chain ran at pre-miums of 4.8 per cent in occupancy and 20 per cent in room rates over its compet-itors in the middle-range sector in the first three months of While Holiday Inn will

BASS, the brewing and hotels sion opportunities with its group, has announced more Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza hotels and launch a drive to establish Garden Court Holiday Inn hotels in Europe.

Currently, the group has 1,576 hotels with a total of about 315,000 rooms, Over the next three to five years, Holiday Inn's plans for growth include a further 50,000 rooms worldwide. There were no surprises at

yesterday's group meeting in milked for three years, but is the real benefits from the American Holiday Inns will be about two years down the

 Buckingham International, the hotels to nursing homes group controlled by the Jivraj family, is to buy four Crest hotels in Amsterdam from Bass for an undisclosed cash

Some analysts estimate that the value of the deal is close to £20 million. The move follows the current year. The sector the sale by Bass of the bulk of accounts for about 75 per cent of the hotel trade in the US. Forte for £300 million as it Forte for £300 million as it While Holiday Inn will concentrates on the Holiday focus on the core brand, it will Inns chain. Bass shares eased also exploit worldwide expan- 30p to £10.70.

Organic boost for profits

By PHILIP PANGALOS

STRONG organic growth helped pre-tax profits at Powerscreen International advance 26 per cent to £14.6 million in the year to end-March.

Turnover at the Northern ireland crushing equipment manufacturer grew 47 per cent to £65.8 million. Organic growth stood at about 38 per cent, although the figures were boosted by acquisitions and ment in environmental and waste management industries.

Earnings per share climbed 13 per cent to 15.3p, while fully diluted earnings rose 19 per cent to 14.3p. The final dividend is 3.59p (3p), making

a total of 5.04p (4.2p). Mr Shay McKeown, chief executive, said opportunities still exist for more significant Organic growth. Europe is the company's fastest growing market and accounts for 22.9

per cent of business. Mr McKeown said the acquisition of Royer, the US manufacturer of waste shredding and sludge recycling equipment, consolidated the company's position in North America accounting for about 40 per cent of turnover.

for Europe

A \$200 million fund to provide venture capital to central and eastern Europe was announced by Salomon Brothers, the US securities house. It is managing the fund on behalf of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a US government agency, and will include \$150 million raised by bonds placed in the US.

Caffyns tumbles Caffyns, the motor dealer, saw pre-tax profits tumble from £2.06 million to £664,000 and earnings from 53.3p to 12.5p a

share in the year ended March. Turnover was £130.9 million (£131.7 million). A maintained final dividend of 6.5p makes an unchanged 11.5p. United Drug up

United Drug lifted pre-tax profits 20 per cent to Ir£1.15 million (£1.08 million) in the six months to end-March. Turnover climbed 15 per cent to Ir£28.5 million. Fully diluted earnings fell from 6.48p to 6.24p. The interim dividend is 1.75p (1.585p).

Kembrey rises

Kembrey lifted pre-tax profits 16.9 per cent to £429,000 in the year to end-March. Earnings rose from 0.36p to 1.02p. Once again, there is no dividend.

Brewery slumps Taxable profits at Hoskins Brewery fell from £448,000 to £104,000 in the year to end-March. There is again no dividend.

\$200m fund Microvitec cuts 65 jobs to stem losses

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

MICROVITEC, the troubled actions are necessary to return manufacturer of computer Microvitec to profit." colour monitors, has anamong its support staff as part of a rationalization to save £1 million a year. The redundancies will cut the support staff to 298.

The USM company, which has fallen into trading losses this year after reporting a £488,000 slump in pre-tax profits to £1.27 mileon for 1089 bloomed the "flown town." 1989, blamed the "downturn in the electronics and computer peripherals market."

Mr James Bailey, who took over from Mr David Burnet last month as chairman and chief executive, said: "We are determined to reverse the slimming it down and making

it leaner and meaner. These

He said that Microvitec, which has also strengthened its management with the appointment of two marketing directors, will shortly benefit from reductions in component costs. The company's latest monitor, the Series 9, should also help to boost sales this year.

Mr Alan Melkerson, a former director of Gandalf Technology, becomes the vicepresident of sales and marketing in North America, while Mr Robert Adams, formerly Northern Telecom's become the sales and market-

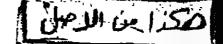
Mr Bailey said that no more

US property disposal nets \$30m for Power

price paid per square foot for retail property in the US (Martin Waller writes).

POWER Corporation, the property developer based in Dublin, has sold its 40 per cent than doubled the \$14 million it paid last year for its stake retail site in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, for \$30.5 million in cash, claimed to be the highest price raid per square foot for the Industrial Bank of Japan, at a yield of 5% per tent.

The 136,000 sq ft development is set for completion The sale is likely to be in November, after which followed by a deal which will Berisford and the third partbuy out S&W Berisford, the ner, a local property develdebt-plagued British com- oper, will also sell out.



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Short arms in deep pockets

those innocent persons who thought a deposit with an authorized bank was as safe as the Bank of England have had their illusions shattered by the collapse into administration of British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank, a bank which we have been reminded a number of times is solvent but possibly

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Never mind, they may have said to themselves, we are still protected under the Banking Deposity Scheme established under the 1987 Banking Act.

Last night, three days after the event, the Deposit Protection Board, a body which shares its postal address with the Bank of England, got around to clarifying just where depositors stand, and I hope the luckless clients are wearing Wellington boots. Where they are standing they need them.

It is likely to be months, rather than weeks, before they see any money back, and the terms of the scheme illustrate what a poor second the scheme comes to the alternative the Bank of England had at its disposal, support of a financial package which would have seen BCMB through its

liquidity problem. The biggest nonsense in the rules laid down is that while the deposit scheme comes into operation irrespective of the outcome of the administration, there can be no payments made unless and until the administrator's proposals have been approved by creditors.

The administrator has at least three months to put the proposals, longer if the Court

This means that money which might have been merely in transit from B&C's securities subsidiaries to the client, or perhaps deposited with BCMB when an investment sale was completed pending reinvestment, is locked in while the administration takes its course.

Given that BCMB is solvent and has some £90 million of shareholders' funds and reserves, it appears unlikely that the Board's short arms will have to reach far into its deep pockets. By the time the Board is ready to

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

pay, so may be the administrators. The scheme would be of much more use if, in cases such as BCMB, it were able to act quickly so that depositors who need ready funds can be given access to them.

The problem is immediate, but the solution is long term.

Cartel capers

long hot summer looms for oilmen and those who Nown their shares. For until Opec sorts out yet another shortterm mess of its own making, and the longer term demands imposed by the industrialization of the old Russian empire begin to assert themselves, crude oil

prices seem set for further weakness. There is serious concern that Saudi Arabia, notable among Opec members for sticking to output targets and for its willingness to act as a swing producer when the cartel's production exceeds budget, may be turning on the taps to bring quota-busters to heel. The Saudis denied it, but markets will continue to sweat while stocks are at their highest for eight years

It is clear that despite the pious words at the May Opec meeting, Iran and Iraq's output has risen, and that Kuwait has not cut by anything like the agreed amount. The last time producers lost control, in 1986, some mid-east crudes plunged below \$7 a barrel

and even high-quality North Sea oil dipped below \$10.

There is a long way to go before a repeat performance develops, but yesterday Brent blend for early loading, \$16.40 a barrel on Monday, briefly touched 18month lows before recovering to \$14.80. The cartel will doubtless get its act together as the summer wears on and avert a full-blown price collapse. For whatever its awesome power a decade ago, it is no longer Opec that rules, but

Watts' way

R oy Watts has always seen himself and Thames Water as the leaders in water privatization. At one time, he says, he appeared to be the only water company chairman in favour. It was particularly galling, therefore, for him to see Thames down at the bottom of the list of water share prices.

At flotation, Thames was the most keenly priced because it had the strongest customer base of potential investors as well as being seen as having special advantages - many of which were eliminated in the final regulatory regime. Once water shares were floated, however, local demand ceased to be an influence. Underlying growth, management and perceived vulnerability to takeover or the regulator's whim came to the fore. North West and Yorkshire had been more positive than others on dividend policy.

As the institutions and political worries took over, yield differentials were also squeezed. At flotation, they varied from 8.1 per cent (Thames) to 9.7 per cent (South West). By yesterday the spread had narrowed to between 6.8 and 7.7 per cent.

Mr Watts deserves to win more friends for Thames by trying to raise its share price and redress the initial dividend imbalance in the most direct way possible.

Since the rise above forecast is actually modest, he may even escape the wrath of the regulator

IT MAY be assumed in the present dismal retail environment that the City would take a dim view if the managing director of an international retail group decided on the day of the company's annual results to take off to Nepal and look at a recycled papermak-

This would certainly be the case if the company were any other than Mrs Anita Roddick's Body Shop. But last year, when told Mrs Roddick was elbow deep in duckweed and banana fibre, the City responded by marking the shares up 8p. These days it seems a trip to the Polynesian Islands to watch local women cake themselves in raw cocoa butter is worth several pence

on the share price. This year Mrs Roddick is in Britain but was leaving shareholder relations to her husband and partner, Mr Gordon Roddick. The City was no less enthusiastic. Like-for-like sales growth of 10 per cent in the British shops and 25 per cent overseas is not something it sees often these days.

To say that Body Shop bucks the trend understates the situation. The company has an approach to business which at first inspection is comparable to the Monster Raving Loony Party's approach to politics. That it is taken seriously and awarded a price-carnings rating grossly in excess of every other stock in the sector is due to its soaring success and the professionalism of the management team. Shareholders are used to

receiving "The Tree's Prayer", an anonymous Portuguese poem, with their report and accounts. They are used to photographs of the chairman cuddling the mananging director. Mrs Roddick's homilies come with most shareholder literature. "There is something magical about companies run by people whose thinking was forged in the sixties," says Mrs Roddick.

But behind the wilder excesses of the Roddicks' idealism lies a realism to warm the cockles of the City's financial heart, "Profits with Principles" is the company philosophy, but both know that financial success is the key to the whole show.

The tough regime behind successful Body building



Auto Roddick: bomilies for the sharebolders

successful unless you are financially successful." The yet to fail it stays in place.

"The bigger you are, the strong environmental policy more respectable you be-come," says Mrs Roddick. and the success of the fran-chising. "The franchisees are 'Nobody believes you are really committed to what we stand for and to the business. It would be uncomfortable to City will put up with no end of be a franchisee and not believe whackiness as long as the in what we believe in. Behind financial formula which has it all we are really quite

aggressive," he says. Mr Roddick admits the But the group has also been group's success is due to a extremely lucky. A pioneer of number of factors. He points environmentally friendly reto the quality of the products and their retail price, the antractiveness of the shops, the panies which have recently

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jumped on the green bandwagon. It has been in a unique position to milk the popular concern for the environment Luck has also been on the Body Shop's side when it comes to the competition, A rash of ciones have emerged but none has dented the

Mr Roddick insists that the company's success transcends a fashionable concern for the environment. "Look at the Italians," he says. "They hate animals. If they're not eating them, their wearing them and yet they're quening up in our shops. Our growth rate in Italy is 80 per cent".

He is not worried about the group's Japanese-style rating. The shares at 450p are on 45 times earnings, having fallen from over 70. He sees at least another six years' growth for the company in Britain and says the business is embryonic

The Roddicks know the world is waiting for them to fall flat on their moisturized faces and are determined not to. But even they cannot walk on water. The group cannot afford to ignore the competition and must protect its green image at all costs. There are those who believe the company is vulnerable to a change in fashion and some still regard its success as a craze.

But as long as the balance between profits and principles remains, the City will support the Roddicks, baggy trousers and all. Yesterday's open offer was placed by lunchtime and even the news that organic growth so far this year is slightly lower than last year failed to dent enthusiasm.

Mr Roddick plays down the culture clash between the City and the company. "They respect us and we respect them even if we don't always agree with each other. We understand the need for the City and we've benefited hugely from the market."

It would seem that the last person not to succumb to the Roddick dream was the now infamous bank manger who refused a loan to the dungareed mum, trailing two toddlers, who wanted to open one little shop.

Gillian Bowditch

TEMPUS

Reed aims to cast safety net

REED International shares have had a good run of late, advancing from about 380p since the start of May, so it should have been no surprise to see them drop 14p to 436p on some respectable full-year

The figures came in the week the Government finally ruled on the break-up of the television programme listing duopoly. TV Times, acquired for an attractive price a year ago, has until next March before its comfortable position is eroded by competition.

No separate figures are given, but the country's second biggest television listings magazine is probably contributing upwards of £20 million a year to Reed's profits, which at the nce-tax level went ahead by !! per cent to £302 million in the 12 months to end-March.

Travel Information Group, acquired at about the same time, is still earnings dilutive but should be firing on all cylinders by the time TV Times starts to flag. The reshaping still leaves its mark, with £31.9 million of discontinued manufacturing activities in for last time.

Operating profit up 27 per cent, on turnover ahead 22.5 per cent, includes £25.7 million of exceptionals, mainly from the sale and leaseback of the head office, but the pre-tax line is clipped by a £34 million interest turnround.

Reed wants to spread its

sumer manazines market in Britain by expansion overseas. But it remains vulnerable to an economic downturn in the UK. Assuming another fair slug of exceptionals, it should reach £315 million pre-tax this time, but the shares, changing hands on a multiple of 11.3, look fully valued for now.

Electrocomponents

THE Electrocomponents juggernant rolls on, with profits showing 22 years of unbroken growth. There was precious little sign of strain in the year to end-March, although many of the group's customers are having a hard time. Such pain as there was

came, unsurprisingly, in the distribution to retail division, a substantial supplier to the leading DIY sheds. Margins there were shredded, producing a loss of £200,000 against a profit last time of £4.5 million

There are high hopes for the long term future of the distribution to commerce division, which provides supplies for the high-growth PC market. This division pushed sales ahead by 18 per cent, Europe, but profits edged only from £2 million to £2.1

million. The group's powerhouse,

exposure to the highly cyclical RS Group, which distributes local newspaper and con- components to industry, accounted for two-thirds of sales but 96 per cent of operating profit. The sales gain of 13 per cent was lower than last year, but with margins still advancing to 23.5 per cent, it is clear that customers are coping with high inventory costs by trimming stocks and relying more heavily on RS's same-day despatch service. Operating profit at RS advanced 14 per cent to £53.1 million. Pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £58.6 million against £52.7

million. Assuming £62 million next time, the shares sell for about 10.8 times expected earnings per share — hardly dear given the record, the £17 million of net cash and the resilience to economic slow down.

The shares merit a better rating and will probably get it when further restructuring materializes and when the important launch of RS in Germany next year is showing positive results.

Erskine House

ERSKINE House is doing its own "1812". It is retreating from Moscow and USSR operations because profitable areas on which management

time needs to be spent.

year-end profits at £15.6 million against £15.1 million, and compared with earlier hopes of £20 million, still disappointed. The final is held at 4.35p making 6.65p (6.25p), but the real clue to the outlook will come later.

The cost of earlier development which doubled the group's size in recent years is becoming evident, and net earnings, under the weight of a higher average capital, are down 18 per cent at 19.7p a share. It could be a while before they stop falling, despite every chance that pre-tax profits could rise this year, so much bridge building of faith has to be done.

Last year's problems were more evident in the second half, but there has been a honourable, if not costly, exit from typewriters and word processors, and some cutback within the PC market. The extraordinary provisions total is £4.9 million taken below the line. Gearing is 50 per cent, and interest cover has slipped from more than 8 to 3.1 times.

There could be development opportunities in an enlarged Germany, but the US market could turn tougher, and though pre-tax profits deals and confirmed orders might hit £17 million, net with most headway made in have been replaced by hot air. carnings could fall 10 per cent of 6.8, the shares remain an act of faith until all the finan-Despite the April warning, cial data is more encouraging.

New Directus for Angus ANGUS MacDonald, aged 27, and until two weeks ago a fund manager with Martin Currie,

the independent Scottish firm, is launching his own BRI-style business, monitoring the purchase and sale of shares by directors. He believes there will be some interest, citing as an example the sale of 1.3 million shares in Carlton Communications by Michael Green, the company's chairman, in December at 820p each. The shares are now worth 551p. MacDonald, previously an institutional salesman with Laing & Cruickshank, has set up Directus, which is based in Edinburgh, with Jeremy Salvesen, a member of the Salvesen food family, the only other partner. McDonald said: "I subscribe to the BRI service and I think it's a brilliant concept, but it's not properly used. Mine will be targeted more at the professional than the private investor and I will include a lot more information such as p/e, yield cover, dividend dates, and total director shareholdings so any change can be put in perspective." He already has 20 subscribers, including both his former employers, and wants to have at least 100 within 12 months. Referring to his system as a method of investment analysis, he argued: "Analysis get

prices right 60 per cent of the

time, at best, whereas direc-

tors get it 90 per cent right. Seldom do they sell a significant number of shares and then the price goes up." He is charging £2,500 a year for the service, which generates two or three information sheets a day. "That's £5 a sheet, compared with a cost of more than £20,000 per circular at Salomon Brothers," he said.

Change of campus WHEN it comes to links with the academic world, the City has always been closer to Cambridge than Oxford. But the tables could soon be turned thanks to the efforts of John Morrell, the executive chairman of Baring International, the international arm of the merchant bank. Morrell has been campaigning for a world-class business



school to be established undergraduate, once lingered. Morrell, who can frequently be found rowing on the Thames near Henley -

These include old university chums like Bill Stuttaford, an asset manager at Brown Shipley. Morrell aims to raise money for the new school, which he hopes will have an MBA programme to rival that of Harvard by the end of the 1990s. "Something like this does not come cheap," he said, but he is coy about going into greater financial detail for fear of upsetting the finer sensibilities of Oxford's academics.

THE proposed merger of Payless and Do-It-All, the DIY subsidiaries of Boots and WH Smith respectively, kept those City workers not out on the Epsom Downs yesterday amused for hours. Telephone lines between a number of broking firms were, I'm told, fully occupied as suggestions were exchanged for a new name for the combined group. The favourite, thus far, seems to be All Do Less.

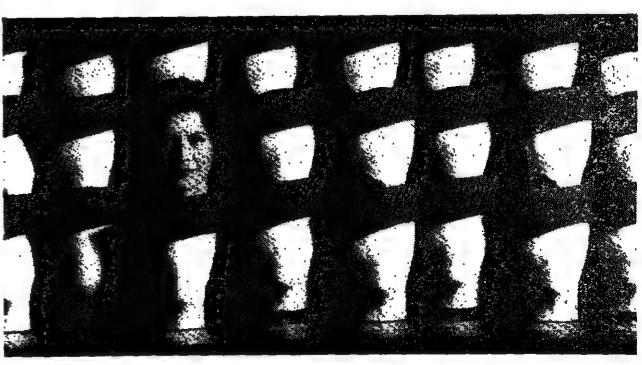
Ritblat response

JOHN Rithlat, the usually cool and debonair chairman of British Land, who was left stranded on the dockside at Cowes after the Conrad Rithlat Round the Island Race - when his personally-char-

tered hydrofoil left without among the ivy-clad courtyards him — is apparently more at of Oxford where he, as an home on the golf course than on a sea-faring vessel. For amused by my revelations of his weekend antics, has, in a presumably preferring it to the bid to counter what he has Cam — has been rallying his interpreted as bad publicity, friends in the Square Mile. now let it be known that a recent golfing clash with an unidentified colleague from the property world left him £50 better off. Driving into a bunker at the short 8th and confronted by a cliff of sand. Ritblat, whose stake in British Land is worth £3.6 million, was bet a modest £5 that he would not be able to get out. Proving his ability as a golfer, Rithlat promptly chipped his way out, leaving his opponent still struggling in the bunker. After 10 attempts, the somewhat embarrassed foe finally succeeded -- and handed over

> A NEW financial PR firm came into being yesterday the product of a double act between one-time Robert Maxwell adviser Paul Quade and ex-Mail on Sunday reporter John Rawlings. Rawlings, a Yorkshireman, who switched to the more lucrative world of PR three years ago to establish a Leeds office for Binns Cornwall, has agreed an "amicable divorce" for his northern office from its parent company. Yesterday, Quade, who will have a minority shareholding in the venture. Rawlings Financial. came on board to run the

> fledgling London operation. Carol Leonard



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New York helps shares cut losses

THE news that Wall Street ings a share drops to 34.6p. had closed lower overnight. The shares, which fell 4p to sent fresh waves of nerves into 306p, are on a prospective an already-edgy morning in London. When Wall Street opened lower again, London had only one way to go ~

Within half an hour of Wall Street's opening, the FT-SE that even £445 million may be 100 index had tumbled almost 26 points. But as the American market began to demonstrate renewed resistance, shares in London moved modestly higher. By the close, the FT-SE 100 index was 21.6 lower at 2,538.5. The FT 30 index slipped 11.5 to 1,882.4.

However, selling remained light, perhaps as much due to the distractions of Epsom as to any real confidence in the market at these levels.

Gilts went their own way, for the first time in some days, rather than slavishly following the movement of US Treasury bonds. Their way was also down, with falls of about three-quarters of a point. Dealers reported some selling by overseas investors, but not enough to account for the size of the fall. A more likely reason is economic statistics, including retail prices, due

Salomon Brothers hit the clearing banks first thing with a hefty profits downgrading for Midland Bank, Mr Stephen Lewis, an analyst, has cut his pre-tax forecast for the current year to December from £550 million to £445 from the Saudis to increase million. His forecast for earn-output further give fresh ur-

306p, are on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 8.8. Midland made pre-tax prof-

its of £616 million in 1989. Mr just four months after his last reduction. But he still thinks on the high side and would not be surprised to see Midland report profits closer to £400

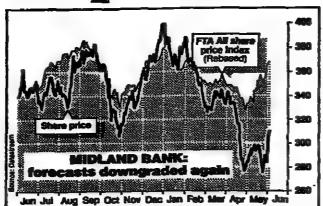
Midland's recent price fall has eliminated the premium it enjoyed on the back of its proposed merger with Hongkong and Shanghai Bankins Corporation, but, despite that, Mr Lewis believes Midland's shares are still too expensive.

However, Midland's fall was, if anything, better than those experienced by the rest

Trading resumes today in Amber Day, the clothing retailer, after sharebolders' approval of its £47 million acquisition of What Everyone Wants, the Brokers expect the shares to resume at a healthy premium to the 48p aspension price.

of the high street banks. Barciaya eased 7p to 409p, Lloyds slid 12p to 297p and National Westminster 9p to

The latest production figures from Opec and the threat



ncy to Smith New Court's long-held bearish outlook.

Smith believes that the medium-term outlook for oil prices is also poor, restricting carnings growth in the exploration companies. A price of \$23 a barrel in 1993 could restrict growth to 4-5 per

BP fell 6p to 319p, while Shell slid 10p to 456p. Pre-mier Consolidated eased 3p to 90p as Hardy Oil gave up 4p Further consideration of Great Portland Estates' re-

duced net asset value did

more damage among the prop-

erty investment companies. Great Portland, which turnbled 33p on Tuesday, appeared to have found a floor at the new level. It added 3p to close at 243p. Others were less fortunate, with the biggest

its large London develop-ments are let. It fell 17p to 399p, making a two-day fall of

British Land slipped 9p but recovered some ground to close 5p lower at 333p. Kleinwort Benson is looking for a net asset value of about 530p when the company reports shortly, towards the bottom end of analysts'

Among the leaders, Land Securities, whose recent results were rather undermined by the GPE figures, fell 9p to 501p with only 1.6 million shares traded compared to Tuesday's 6 million. MEPC fell 7p to 494p, while ersom A lost Ilp to

Wates City of London, the Square Mile specialist, finally succumbed to the downward pull and lost 6p to 180p.

shareholders is increasing its stake, defied the trend and added 6p to 210p.

Among the second-line stocks, the new disclosure rules threw up some interest-ing snipers. Not least was the fact that Mr Werner Rey, the Swiss financier, has an interest in 4.42 per cent of Cabra

Two months ago, The Times revealed that Mr Rey was in negotiations to take a substantial stake in Cabra, apparently keen to cement joint deals. The most notable of these was the possible purchase of the 32-acre Battersea power station site from Mr John Broome, the leisure

Mr Rey's stake in Cabra is in the name of John Duggan

Davies & Newsean closed unchanged at 475p after heavy falls during the last two days. Mr Frederick Newman, the chairman, said talks simed at strengthening Dan-Air, the group's airline, are continuing. A bid for D&N is only one of a number of solutions being considered.

Properties, with Mr Duegan -Cahra's chief executive remaining the beneficial owner. It appears that Mr Rey provided part of the finance for Mr Duggan to acquire his stake in Cabra. Mr Rey is still thought to be interested in acquiring a larger stake in

changed at 41p. Eurotunnel fell 20p to 513p

as the market expressed its concern that the Government money into the high-speed rail link on this side of the Channel Europungel's revenue forecasts do not assume the link will be built, but it would undoubtedly have helped. Underwriters for the equity part of the forthcoming refinancing were also thought to be laying off some of their

Another speculative mover was Securicor A, up 33p to 730p on hopes that the group might sell its interest in the Cellnet mobile telecommuni-

News of an agreed 124p-ashare cash offer for International Colour, the electronics group, lifted the shares 30p to 119p. The company is being acquired by Brauerei Eichhof, the Swiss brewing group which already has colour data-processing

Moving the other way was Bass, down 30p at £10.70. as the market expressed its disappointment at the group's lans for its Holiday Inns

Ashley Group, the retailer, shed 2p to 102p on the news that it was calling on shareholders for £26.3 million through a one-for-four rights.

Matthew Bond

BIC calls for abolition of textile import quotas

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THE abolition of import quotas on textiles and clothing could save British consumers about £1.1 billion a year, an average discount of 13 per cent on all clothing on sale in the high street, according to the British Importers Confed-

But the BIC, which is calling for "a firm, irreversible commitment" to the phasing out of import quotes over a five-year period on the expiry of the current multi-fibre arrangement (MFA) in July 1991, admitted its proposals would cost 40,000 jobs unless both the European Commission and the Government provide transitional assis-

The BIC advocates such assistance, which could take the form of direct financial and prevents natural competent-subsidized training

schemes to redirect employ-

ment to other areas. Mr John Faulkner, chairman of the BIC textile committee, said: "The cost of the MFA results in higher prices which are borne by all market partners and ultimately paid

"It is only because it has remained concealed from the public that the cost of protection has not become a political

More can be achieved at a lower overall cost by a system of direct assistance which is positive and cost effective." A report by Mr Alf Vanses.

of the University of London's Department of Economics at Queen Mary and Westfield College, demonstrated that the MFA distorts world trade opportunities from the most

efficient producers by the allocation of export rights to

of the producer's efficiency. Mr Vanags said the present system violates basic General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) principles and penalizes developing coun-

He said: "Producers gain at the expense of consumers and the well off at the expense of the poor. The Government and the

EC favour phasing out the MFA over a period, but the US is trying to introduce further protectionism by bringing the MFA back under Gatt rules, while introducing a stricter import quota system.

The BIC said that if the US scheme is implemented, it will discriminate against British support from Brussels or gov- ition by taking away selling and European exporters, the BIC said.

The rest of the issue money

will go towards integrating

Dismo with Digsa and to-

wards making a bolt-on Euro-

pean acquisition for Apollo, the group's British window

Spain is one of a number of,

Dismo operates 85 stores

and 89 franchised outlets. It

made pre-tax losses of £1.2

million in 1989 on sales of

countries where the group is

considering an acquisition.

blind company.

'Slower growth' at LVMH



Hennessy Louis Vuitton (LVMH), the French luxury goods group, will slow to about 15 per cent, according to M Bérnard Arnault, its chair-man (Wolfgang Münchau

Net profits rose 46 per cent to almost Fr3 billion (£300 million) last year. In April, the group emerged from a 14-month internal dispute over control of the company, ending in victory for M Arnault. M Arnault said profits this year will be affected by adverse movements of the exchange rate and supply problems, in particular in its champagne business.

Last week, the group doubled its stake in Guinness, the drinks group, to about 24 per cent, roughly equal to the stake Guinness holds in LMVH. The two companies have joint distribution deals. Capital investment at LVMH will total Fr1.3 billion, about the same as last year, including a new plant in France for making luxury luggage.

Mr Richards said that in

companies after the discovery

of a "very large number of

"Those agreements includ-

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case is that in or about March

1983, representatives of the four companies made pricefixing and allocation agree-

ready-mixed concrete in an area around Bicester, Kidling-

ton and Thame in Oxford-

Arnault: less cheer ahead as growth slows to 15%

Changes to monetary policy urged

THE Institute of Directors has growth in the money supply and for steps to ensure more

It thinks the Government's attempt to rely on fiscal stringency to correct the consequences of "lax" monetary policy as misconceived.

Responding to a Bank of England discussion paper, Dr Ann Robinson, head of the IoD policy unit, said: "We believe inflation would be lower if our advice had been taken over the past two years to rely on monetary aggregates as policy indicators and play down the exchange rate."

The IoD's response urges adoption of weighted, or "Divisia", monetary aggregates as indicators of money supply.

Three firms admit contempt of court in price-fixing case

THREE ready-mixed concrete against a substantial number companies have admitted of firms and their employees putting themselves in con- in the industry. tempt of court by disobeying orders not to enter into unlaw-1978 and 1979 court orders ful trade agreements, the were made against the four Restrictive Practices Court in London heard today.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the unlawful cartel agreements in Director General of Fair Trad- the construction industry in ing, is taking action against the the 1970s. three firms for price fixing and market sharing agreements in ed well over 100 unlawful 1983 and 1984, contrary to agreements in the ready-mixcourt orders made five years ed concrete area. The respon-

The companies involved were restrained from giving are Harrigan Readymix. Pio-effect to or enforcing not only neer Concrete (UK) and existing agreements but also Ready Mixed Concrete any other agreements in contravention of the Restrictive Trade Practices 1976 Act.

action against a fourth company, Smiths Concrete, which denies contempt, and two managers at the time, Peter Hayter, of Smiths, and Anthony Hulett of RMC. They ments in respect of supply of both deny helping their firms to commit contempt. The Director General's bar-

shire." rister, Mr Stephen Richards, told the court it was "highly probable" further contempt 13 barristers are involved, is proceedings would be brought expected to last about 10 days. RECENT ISSUES

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WORLD MARKETS

Profit taking sends Dow

into an early retreat

average was down 10 points at O Tokyo - The Nikkei index

Some of the recent gains cost of German monetary

WALL STREET

Traders said that selling to the sidelines.

THE Dow Jones industrial

2,915.00 at the start of trading.

Shares opened lower on a

continuation of profit-taking

after strong recent gains was

started partly by the view that

the Federal Reserve would not

were based on hopes for a cut union.

cut interest rates now.

from Tuesday.

in rates, so stimulating the

was up 31.88 to 32,953.50.

Prices had firmed slightly by

the close but an absence of

• Frankfurt - The DAX in-

dex fell 27.67 to 1,849.02

Shares tumbled after the re-

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Russian call for US aid on currency

THE Soviet Union needs help from the United States if it is to soive its hard currency shortage, according to Mr Yuri Chumakov, the Deputy External Economic Relations The shortage problem has

intensified recently with numerous Western companies facing non-payment of bills by the Soviet Union.

Mr Chumakov said during a seminar in Washington that US-Soviet co-operation was necessary to find solutions to the problem. He left open nounced a one-for-four rights what kind of help the United issue at 86p. The terms for States could offer, although it is thought the Russians are five ordinaries at 86p each for asking for extended credit every 16 preference shares. lines. Otherwise, Soviet ofof its gold

Ashley cash call for Spanish buy By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ASHLEY Group, the food Mr Butler joined Ashley in retailer which has big interests. August, 1988. The issue has in Spain, is raising £26.3 been underwritten by Hoare million via a rights issue and Govett. The group is buying is buying Dismo, a Spanish Dismo for £1.9 million and is food retailer which it intends assuming £15.2 million and is to integrate with its own business, Digsa, making the largest supermarket chain in;

Despite saying a month ago that the group had no plans for a rights issue, Mr Tony Butler, the chief executive, an-

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AB Foods	138	ECC	306	MAS	3,229	Smith & N	2.329
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THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 7 1990

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Pioneers who are cleaning up

hemical engineering arose from the needs of the oil and chemical industries, which together still employ the largest number of chemical engineers. An analysis of graduates from the Cambridge chemical engineering department between 1987 and 1989 shows that 27 per cent joined the chemical industry, 17 per cent were employed by oil companies, and only 7 per cent studied for higher degrees. The others went into biotechnology - including the traditional areas of food processing and brewing - minerals processing, business, banking and general Dunnagement.

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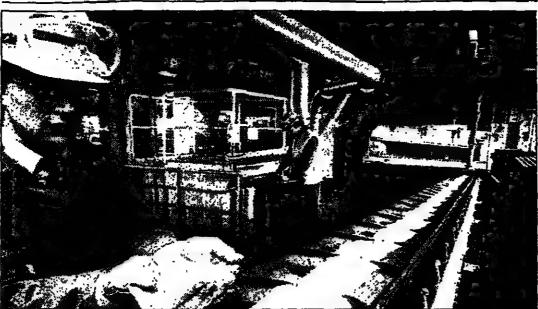
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ing sends Down early retreat

Chemical engineers fill many roles in processing industries. They research new products and processes and develop their industrial application. They build and commission installations such as oil rigs. New technologies pioneered by chemical engineers include the development of composite materials such as carbon or glass fibres, and the emerging field of biomedical engineering in which they help to design artificial

hearts, for instance. Controlling environmental pollution is near the top of the agenda. Cleaning up effluents from the oil, chemical and power industries is among the main challenges for the 1990s, and chemical engineers are leading the search for non-polluting, environment-friendly industrial processes. Every issue is watched over by the Institution of Chemical Engineers, a UK-based

The profession produced by industry is also concerned today with saving the environment, David Rudnick writes



Making it work: catalysts are produced at a Shell factory for the oil, gas and chemical industries

professional body with a worldwide membership of nearly 20,000. The institution believes a public relations job needs to be done for chemical engineering, the least accessible, and therefore most misunderstood, of the major engineering branches".

The institution's president, Robin Paul, who heads chemicals

manufacturers Albright & Wilson, believes his organization's main problem is "public perception of the industry it serves, which does not recognize chemical engineeers' contribution to society and is suspicious of the chemical and oil industry as being environmentally threatening".

encourage young people to come into chemical engineering, but I want to turn that perception around and show young people interested in this area and wanting to contribute that they can best do so from the inside, through working in the industry."

Mr Paul accepts there is still He says: "This does not strongly scope for improving safety stan-

dards, but he is optimistic that the intensification and consequently smaller size of chemical plants coming into operation will "bring intrinsically greater safety since smaller units give a smaller problem if things go wrong". Safety and environmental issues

overlap, of course. Mr Paul describes chemical engineering as "the green discipline that can think out and achieve environ-mental advances". He adds: "As a businessman I do not like singleissue politics. The institution will have a broad spectrum of passion. Environmental issues are not as simple as they are portrayed. They are not black and white issues."

The institution's general secretary, Dr Trevor Evans, sees the environmental challenge as the prime issue. "Chemical engineering," he says, "can remedy the failings of the past and work for a better future. To ensure that tomorrow's chemical engineers understand their personal responsibility for environmental issues, they form an integral part of our accredited degree course and of the code of ethical conduct we demand from our members."

He too draws a line on environmentalism: We cannot live on the basis of a Prince Charles organic family routine. If we are to feed the world's growing population, agro-chemicals must be used, and chemical engineering has a major role to play." That role is being played on an increasingly international stage and the institution, Dr Evans says, is adapting.



Trevor Evans: the challenge

"We can no longer work by being solely a qualifying body in the UK," he says. "We must be as international as the people we have as members. The institution's products — its training and education courses, conferences, magazines and journals - must all reflect the best international

practices.
"We are the custodians of the profession, but we are a business too, with an annual turnover approaching £4 million. We rely on income from our trading activities as publisher, training agency and provider of courses to pay our staff of 75.

"Only 20 per cent of our revenue comes from membership subscription, and the proportion is still falling."

Dr Evans sees the institution performing a balancing act, ensuring a commercial return on profitable activities to pay for the



Robin Paul: green discipline

inevitable loss-making items such as the schools liaison unit. This programme is intended to stimulate schoolchildren's interest in chemical engineering as a career. It is heavily subsidized by industry, which, like the institution, is concerned at the shortage of qualified chemical engineers in industry.

They are the highest paid in the profession, but their academic salaries are uncompetitive and are being increasingly shored up by industrial fellowships. As 1992 approaches, the institu-

tion is preparing for battle. Mr Paul says: "There will be new European standards and codes of conduct to be met, but integration of chemical engineering across Europe will enhance the effectiveness of the discipline. Society is demanding higher standards, and chemical engineering will have to

he Institution of Chemical Engineers has an unassuming address in Railway Terrace, Rugby, Warwickshire, but its membership and concerns are world-wide (David Rudnick writes). The institution, formed in 1922 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1957, is a learned society and a qualifying body, keeping members in touch,

with developments. Membership is select but hardly narrow. Members may be chartered chemical engineers, or graduates and students on accredited chemical engineering degree courses. They may be incorporated engineers or colleagues from other disciplines. They insultants, general managers, engineers in research and development, and directors of large companies. To maintain balance be-

Industrialists and academics united proud of the institution's pro- with the European Federation Bulletin is gaining inter- with a tanker" due to bad

oratory, the presidency traditionally alternates between industry and academe. The current president, Robin Paul, is deputy chairman and managing director of the chemicals company Albright & Wilson. Last year's presi-dent, Professor Geoffrey Hewitt, alternated between the Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell and Imperial College, London, before finally settling

at Imperial. This duality symbolizes the institution's role as a bridge between industry and academe, sometimes with research as common ground. John Moss, the institution's industry liaison manager, stands at the interface. He is

gramme of continuing education, the largest in Europe, Between 140 and 150 postgraduate courses, lasting four to five days, are run on specialist chemical engineering subjects. The institution's member-

ship has climbed to 19,000, of whom nearly 5,000 are from outside the British Isles. The institution can claim to be the largest chemical engineering body in the world outside North America. In preparation for 1992,

corporate members will be able to register for the title European Engineer (Eur Ing), increasing their chances of working in Europe. The institution has close contact

participates in its scientific and technical working parties. euphemistically, accident prevention concerns chemical

Safety and loss - or less engineers everywhere. The in-



tained articles on "a gas leakage that taught a valuable

lesson", a "near miss incident

Officials (from left): Hewitt, Educards, Dendy

of Chemical Engineering and national recognition for its labelling, and "caustic sol-

safety. The institution pro- acronymed Hazop (hazard vides the secretariat for the and operability studies) and International Process Safety Hazan (hazard analysis), and Group, which considers safety there are videos, computer in a closed environment, simulations and slide modules where companies can freely suitable for training progdiscuss sensitive matters.

Fiona Dendy, the technical gas handling and safer piping. director. She says the institution has an important role as most interesting programmes "a neutral disseminator" of is the physical properties data nessed to chemistry working case studies of accidents or service (PPDS), run by Dr to the power of engineering.

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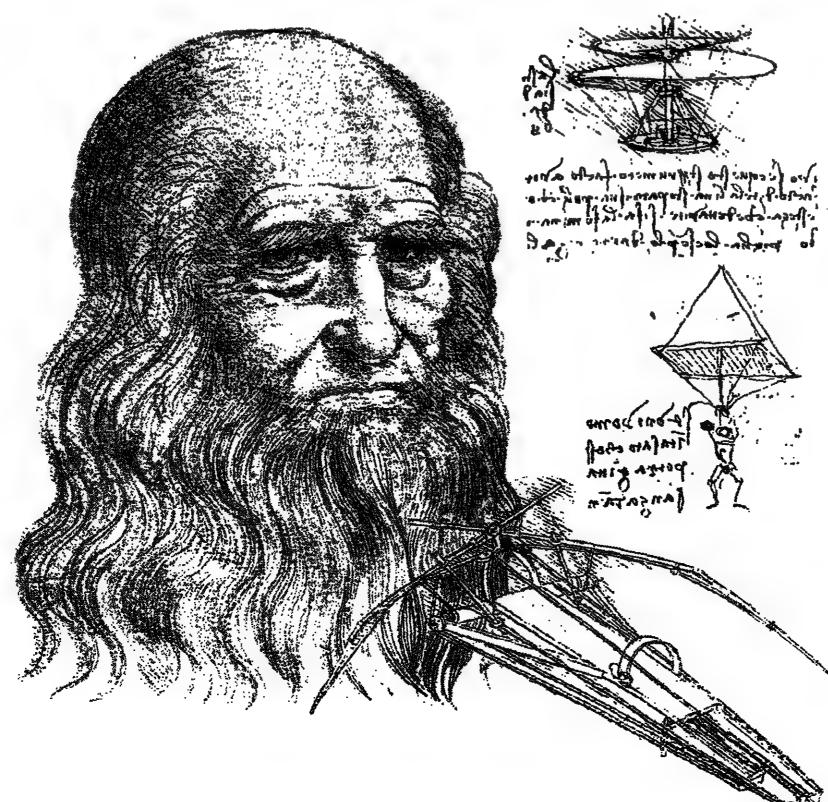
articles and case histories on accidents, near misses and case histories and eyes, stressing the importance of a good work citizent.

In a comparison of the companies and models through a computer to give an answer.

PPDS was developed by the National Engineering Lab-oratory, but it is being marketed by the institution. Its clients include BP, ICI and other large corporates.

The institution is becoming more commercially aware, attuned to the spirit of the times. It has also become much more image-conscious. It recently adopted a new logo, a formula showing the institution har-

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On the threshold of a new scientific age

Biochemical engineering, Nick Nuttall writes, holds the promise of environmental improvement and benefits for industries as diverse as medical production and electronics



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have an interdisciplinary research centre for bio-chemical engineering, an em-erging field of chemical and

The possibility of a national aboratory, to join the handful of other science and engineering laboratories, emphasizes the growing importance of novel organisms and plant and animal cells in the future of everything from pharma-

centicals to pest control. We are standing on the threshold of a new age," says Professor Peter Dunnill, of University College London's biochemical engineering de-

in chemical and process enor promising laboratory developments - in this case, the transferring of part of the genetic code of one organism to give another a novel characteristic - to be mass-pro-

Yet the design and en-gineering difficulties present enormous technical problems. cluding reheating and freezing, and the high pressures used in separation can ruin the ability of these organisms or cells to perform as tiny drug or "chemical-producing fac-

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> Filtering of air and sterilizing waste products are other challenges to the design of such large-scale plants.

chemical process, caused horrendous defects because of the way it was made. Mirror images, or socalled right-hand and lefthand chemicals, with different biological effects, were unwittingly, manufactured. Biochemical engineering, in which flammable solvents are used, offers the possibility of ending this potentially hazard-

of processes and better filtra-

Dr George Hill, of Lough-borough University, says there are also difficulties in commercially extracting the organism's products, which may be produced internally or

However, according to Pro-fessor Dunnill, the possi-

To achieve this UCL will start building an advanced centre for biochemical engineering in October, with £1.28 million from ICI, Shell, Smith Kline Beecham, Unilever and the Government

Dr Hill says one of the other challenges in biochemical engincering will be the designing



Berning issue: Sheffield University's Prefessor Jim Swither

erator for Heavy Ions (Ganil) have harnessed the micro and sub-microscopic hole-punch-ing power of a cyclotron to develop more precise designer membranes. At Loughborough, in conjunction with the medical school, chemical engineers are trying to dis-cover whether human blood

particles from fluids outside the body. The natural membranes promise to clog less

Dr Hill says: "Some biotechnology companies are losing a lot of product because matter at the moment, But

dustry stands to benefit from these developments in biochemical engineering sor Dunnill says.

Micro-organisms, in trying to detoxify their environments when flooded with heavy metals, produce natural

Climbing the precipice of discovery

vessel cells are able to sieve

THE ATTEMPT to generate power more efficiently and cleanly has come under close scrutiny. At Sheffield University, Professor Jim Swithen-bank, of the chemical engineering and fuel technology department, sits sur-rounded by printouts detailing com-puter modelling tests he is running on power stations and power packs to maximize efficiency and minimize pollution (Nick Nutiall writes).

"The ones in front of me," he says, "are of the Sheffield incinerator, a 30successful of its kind in the world."

megawatt unit and one of the most His team, which includes a young research student who is an amateur

climber, are is comparing mathemat-

ical models of the incinerator, which burns domestic and commercial waste to heat 10,000 houses and premises in the area, with physical measurements in an effort to improve the process

"My research student has been probing for temperatures, concentration levels and pollution as she absails down the side of the incinerator," Professor Swithenbank says. "We then compare these with our models. We are getting excellent agreement between the two, which shows us the design can be modified to improve efficiency by several per cent."

Sheffield's other projects include studies into mixing water with bitu-

men to make it a convenient source of fuel. The reserves of hydrocarbon in Venezuela alone compare with oil reserves in the rest of the world.

Professor Swithenbank is also particularily excited at the arrival of a Europe-wide scheme called Ercoftac -European Research Community on Flow, Turbulence and Combustion, in which chemical engineers and fuel technologists, using advanced com-puter systems, are linking with test models to improve designs.

Professor Swithenbank believes the soin-offs into other areas of chemical engineering will be enormous. "He says: "If you can model combustion, you can model more or less every

A new system, which has been under development by H & G Engineering, of Croydon, Surrey, for four years highlights other develop-ments. Clean Power Generation (CPG) is a patented development of a process in which found facts are burned into a gas by pressurized oxygen, cleansed, then burnt to drive a

John Griffiths, the company's technology development manager, says the plant, which harnesses proven equipment, can cut sulphur dioxide emissions to a negligible two to three parts a million and oxides of nitrogen to fewer than 10 parts per million.

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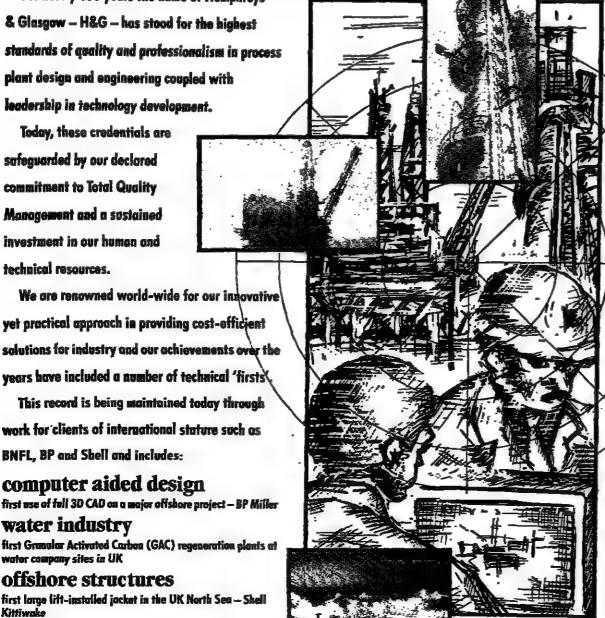
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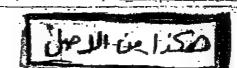
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AN INDUSTRY'S future depends on the number and quality of its recruits, but chemical engineering faces a severe shortage in the coming decade (David Rudnick writes).

The Institution of Chemical Engineers' general secretary, Dr Trevor Evans, says: "The profes-sion faces the prospect of a 25 per cent decline in school-leavers and potential chemical engineers as a result of demographic change during the same period as industry will be looking to increase their recruitment of new graduate demand for "vast armies of chem-

chemical engineers." Dr Evans ical engineers in the building and sees the problem as long-term. ical engineers in the building and designing of new plants and envisees the problem as long-term.
"By the year 2000," he says, "we will have 30 per cent fewer 18year-olds capable of studying a

we do today." Dr Evans expects that growing industrial concern with the environment is likely to add to

chemical engineering degree than

ronmentally secure processes".

The institution is tackling the problem at its source, in schools. Sue Fortunka heads a special schools liaison unit at the institution. She says: "It is not always obvious what a chemical engineer does, so we try to stimulate awareness and excite-

hat, greasy profession full of boring people. We are trying to show the varied nature of the job."

The unit is operating on a £100,000 budget this year, supported by industry. Representatives of BP and ICI, the two biggest employers of chemical engineers in Britain, sit on the unit engineering professors from Imperial College and University College London, and from Stratisciyde.

The institution puts out a glossy booklet, Why Chemical Engineering?, aimed at secondary school teachers and children, and ex-

Go to work on an egg and recruit them young plaining what chemical engin-eering is about, including where chemical engineers work, what fry an egg. they study, and — most to the point — how to become one.

The schools liaison unit, to give chemical engineering practical meaning to school children, organizes chemical technology or "bucket chemistry" competitions. The institution's eight regional

branches choose a theme and schools compete to supply the best product. The scheme, pioneered seven years ago in Hull, has proved popular. As an example, pupils have been given rape seed, told to extract the oil and use it to

"Sounds simple," says Mrs Fortunka, "but it is not simple if done on a bucket scale, rather than

The idea is to give children some idea of the scale of chemical

on a test-tube scale."

Nylon that changed the world

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In a generation, chemical engineering

has transformed people's lives

ocial workers in Leeds at the turn of the century made a survey The findings included the curious fact that an average working girl owned two-and ahalf pairs of underwear.
"Laughable notion now," says
Professor Don Freshwater, formerly of Loughborough University and now of Louisiana State University in the

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But this intimate area of clothing highlights how, in only a generation, chemical engineering and the process industries have transformed people's lives, he says.

Man-made fibres, from Courtauids' viscous rayon spun from wood-pulp cellulose to Dupont's nylon discovered as the petroleum industry emerged in the late 1930s, have made clothes cheaper and more affordable, and industrially produced fertilizers and pesticides have made it possible to feed the world's increasing population.

The discovery and sub-sequent wide-scale manufacture of drugs, including asprin, penicillin and, more recently, specialist pharmaceuticals have boosted the quality of

Plastics, from ICI's polyethylene to polyeurathane foams and thermoplastics, have transformed everything

from wrapping for conserving, foods to lightweight materials for the building and transport

industries.

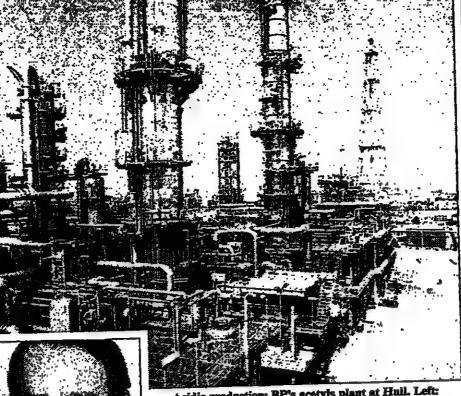
The design and development of power stations, whether nuclear, coal gas or oil, have made modern living comfortable. Professor Freshwater says the tenacity and vision of one Briton laid the cornerstone philosophy for what was to become chemical engineering and the process industry. Georges E. Davis's A Handbook of Chemical Engineering, published in 1901, described how scientific breakthroughs in the laboratory can be applied to in-

Mr Davis, appointed an inspector under the 1873 Alkali and Chemical Act, understood the fundamental rule would have been accessible to that "no matter what the the public without the develprocess or chemical being opment of plants, instrum-made, the process can be split entation and processes. into a basic series of operations". Professor Freshwater chemical engineer has develargues: This was a tremen- coped and refined the tradons step forward. It gen- ditional techniques of fererailzed the whole approach to mentation and distillation to chemical technology and laid work on vast scales. the foundation for the in- In recent years, computers

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Acidic production: BP's acetyls plant at Hull. Left: John Cox, of the Chemical Industries Association

speed up reactions and create Standard BS 5750. substances under conditions

None of these discoveries lenged constantly by the need to ensure that the social costs of vast chemical plants and During the past century, the cesses, fraught with potentially hazardous consequences for workers and the environment, are minimized.

dustry to expand in a way and sensors have allowed chemical engineers to design "The Way Ahead", its programme, "Responsible Care",

enzymes have fallen into the and its promotion of quality chemical engineer's tool kit to assurance under the British

John Cox, the association's that might otherwise require director general, says: "What complex chemical reactions or is likely to emerge is a regime extraordinary temperatures. in the UK that sets a lead for At the same time the chemi- other countries and which cal engineer has been chal- should have a significant impact on thinking across

What concerns Mr Cox is that though some EC rules offer a challenge to chemical engineers and the industry, rules on biotechnology may The growing amount of inhibit promising develop-European Commission and ments by restricting their use.

government legislation on the environment will keep Britain's chemical engineers busy.

This view is a strategies by restricting their use.

The association has therefore been fostering links between schools, academic central properties. This view is supported by the tres and the public to increase Chemical Industries Associ- awareness of the importance ation (CIA) in its publication, of a healthy chemical industry to modern life.

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inks between chemical industry companies and increasing. More companies the resources of academe for arch, and universities and polytechnics are under

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At University College Lon-

sponsors include Alcan, BASF, British Gas, British Oxygen, BP, Conoco, Glaxo, ICI, Mobil, Pfizer, Shell and don, Malcolm Lilly, professor of chemical engineering, says: "There are very few UK companies with whom we are not linked. One staff member Unilever. Additionally, some of the academic staff hold fel-lowships donated through the has an Esso Fellowship, another an ICI Fellowship. Esso Centenary Award or an Salaries for young academics are so low that these awards ICI Fellowship. The department owes its are necessary."
At Manchester University's existence to an endowment

from Shell. Ambough students are not obliged to do practical Institute of Science and Techtraining in industry, most choose to do so during vacations. John Davidson, Shell derives 40 per cent of its income from non-UFC funding staff spend at least one summer vacation working in industry. At London's Imperial

gives a similar figure for its The chemical engineering

department of London's South Bank Polytechnic is researching safety and loss prevention with £1 million of external funding from, among others, AEA Technology, the Health and Safety Executive, ICI and Shell.

Some departments are starting to offer under-graduate courses that include non-technical subjects intended to help science graduates meet the commercial challenge of a unified European market. At UMIST, for example, students can combine chemical engineering with French or German, or environmental technology

and biotechnology.
At the South Bank Polytechnic the departments of chemical business finance have inindustry is taking an

increasingly hands-on ap-proach to the links. For two years BP has had liaison officers working alongside 12 university departments, including UMIST, Loughborough and Imperial College. ICI, wishing to prevent a feared collapse of chemical

engineering teaching and research in universities, has launched a scheme offering up to £5,000 a year for five years to two or three young academics to supplement their salary and persuade them to stay in teaching and research.

The cliche of cloistered academe disdainfully confronting vulgar businessmen has less validity in chemical engineering than in almost any other discipline. The academics are often former industrial executives, and the business community benefits

1989 INTAKE OF CHEMICAL

ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Leaders in the money league

CHEMICAL engineers are Britain's highest-paid pro-fessional engineers, the latest Institution of Chemical Engineers survey reports. The average chartered chemical engineer's salary has tisen 22 per cent since the 1988 survey, from £22,000 to £26,900 (David Rudnick writes). Average UK earnings have risen 18.9 per cent since 1988.

Market forces are the explanation. Engineers under 25 are particularly in demand; their median salaries have jumped 28 per cent, from £10,400 to £13,340. The median salary for a chartered chemical engineer aged be-tween 25 and 29 is now £19,600, and the equivalent non-chartered person receives only £16,900.

The institution says them are continuing shortages of chemical engineers, and it expects the imbalance between supply and demand to grow. The general secretary, Dr Trevor Evans, says: "The institution expects a widening of the pay differential throughout the 1990s as demographic changes begin to bite and European recruiters cast their eye on Britain."

He says the top 10 per cent of chemical engineess can expect median salaries this year of £43,700, a 27 per cent increase over 1988. The top 6 per cent already earn more than £50,000, according to the

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However, Peter Davidson, ICI Engineering's process group manager, is worted about the disparity between academic and industrial salaries. "Of late, this has become substantial," he says. A Science and Engineering

Research Council inquiry shows that the salaries of lecturers and assistant lecturers are on average £2;500 a year less than those paid to their industry counterparts. The fear is that there will soon be a serious shortage of academic chemical engineers.

The problem is being

bickled with industrial followship schemes to supplement young academics' salaries, while making them part of the industry-wide research effort.

The woman's place

WHY is chamical engineering so number of women in the pro attractive to women? The propor- fession must be increased. tion of women undergraduates in the discipline is higher, and growing faster than in any other branch of engineering. In 1980, only 8 per cent of chemical engineering undergraduates were female. To-

day the figure is 26 per cent.

The Institution of Chemical Engineers attributes the influx to recruitment efforts by chemical engineering departments. Bradford, for example, runs a summer school exclusively for girls. The institution itself has been trying to change the

image of engineering as exclusively a man's world. The institution Anita M believes industry should adopt employment practices more geared to women's needs as a pre-requisite to any significant increase in

female engineers.

The institution's general secretary, Dr Trevor Evans, says: "Industry must make sure that when these young women engineers graduate, they receive the same rewards, status and oppor-tunities to reach the highest levels of management that their male colleagues would normally enjoy."
He insists that because a 25 per cent drop in the number of schoolleavers is likely in the 1990s, the



Anita Meldrum

affinity for this branch of engineering, it may be connected to its "life science" image. Dr Evans believes a woman has a right to be proud of being involved in an industry concerned with "green" issues.

Dr Evans says chemistry tends to be better taught to girls than physics or mathematics - possibly

The institution recently admit-

ted its first elected woman mem-

ber, Anita Meldrum, to its

governing council. Mrs Meldrum

works in executive recruitment

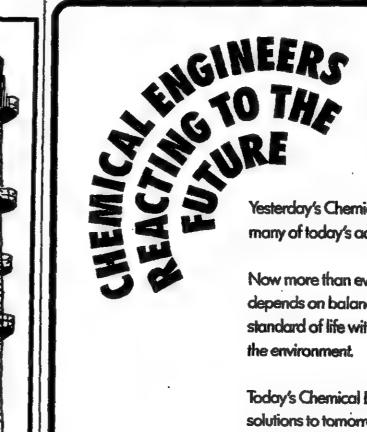
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another reason for the popularity of chemical engineering. The association with food and pharmaccuticals means, too, that the subject lacks the "dirty rag and spanner" image of many other branches of engineering.

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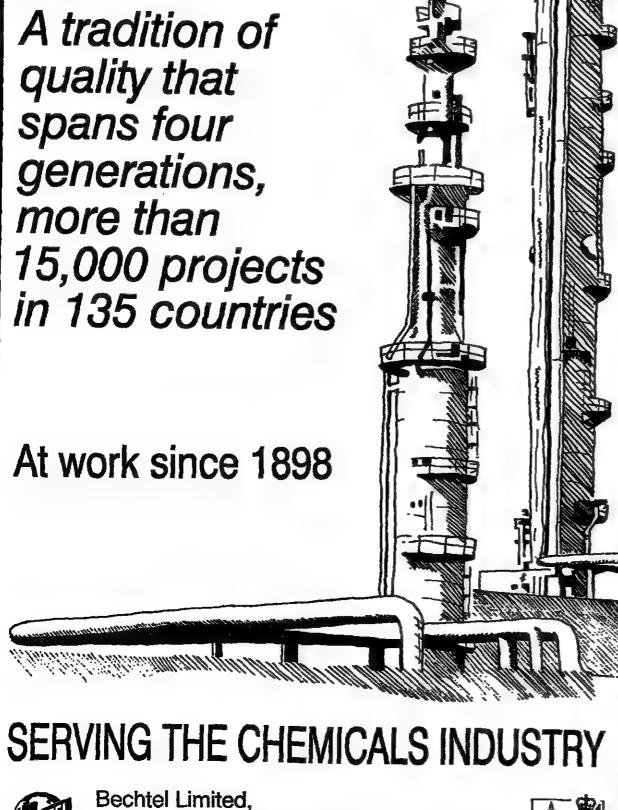
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Learning to live with a poison planet

After public anxieties, special research laboratories are being set up to study the effects on people of food additives,

pesticides and industrial chemicals, Pearce Wright reports

world, traceable humans." back even further than the beginnings of astron-

ognized in plans to establish sorbed through the skin. university-based super science laboratories, or interdisciplinary research centres (IRCs), for studies of vital stategic importance. They include a £10 million IRC in the mechanisms of human toxicity, to be formed from the Medical Research Council's toxicology unit with Leicester

The plan reflects the health and safety anxieties of the public about the growing use of drugs, food additives, pesti-cides and industrial chemi-

Although the latest estimates show that more than 70,000 synthetic chemicals are commonly used throughout the world, and that 500 new ones are introduced each year, a reminder that nature's poisons can be more potent than anything man-made came last week when a ban was placed on shellfish taken from Britain's north-cast waters that were polluted by toxic algae.

Yet the study of precisely how the natural or man-made poisons harm living cells is a relatively young field of re-search. The biological action of only a few of the toxins is bootsmbuy flaw

the MRC Toxicology Unit at yield a life-threatening by-Carshalton, Surrey, says: "If a product. mechanism of toxicity for a Some of erly understood, the possibility exists of designing an antidote to a poison of an analogue of a potentially useful compound without its nuzardous side-effects."

Inevitably, the subject also raises the controversial issue of animal testing. In the past mice were secrificed in the cause of medical research so that men did not die. Advances in understanding how brain damage might be caused by agents that have come under recent suspicion as neurotoxins, or as carcinogens in occupational and environmental pollutants, are emerging from new techniques of analysis, pioneered at Car-shalton, that avoid animal

Dr Connors says: "The new IRC will move research directly into studies of the effects in people of exposure to the myriad of chemical, rather

he study of poisons than extrapolating from re-is probably the sults of animal experiments steroids, and is now believed oldest science in the into the likely effects on to have resulted in uwanted

The pitfalls confronting the than the beginnings of astron-omy. Under its modern name, the unpredictable and betoxicology, the science is wildering behaviour of sub-

Dr John Timbrell, senior

University, sums up the hazards of toxic substances, saying: "There are no safe drugs; only safe ways of using them." For instance, a couple of tablets of paracetamol, the successor to the aspirin as the university's departments of popular painkiller, will dis-medicine and biology. pose quickly of everyday pose quickly of everyday aches and pains. Yet a dose of 22 tablets will take longer to act, and dispose of you permanently after a week with fatal

liver damage.
The explanation is based on the existence of two pathways, or biochemical processes, in our body by which it can dispose of paracetamol.

Once the mechanism of paracetamol poisoning was unravelled, biochemists designed an antidote based on a substance called N-acetylcysteine, to be given either orally or intravenously within 10 to 12 hours.

The way the lethal process is triggered in an overdose, creating a by-product that poisons the liver, is described by Dr Timbrell in an Introduction to Toxicology, a fascinating non-specialist guide to the mysteries of poisoning; particularly in explaining toxigen-Describing the goal of long-term research in toxicology, exposure with substances al-Dr Tom Connors, director of ready in the body that then

Some conundrums that face particular substance is prop- the toxicologist border on the toxigenesis, and the sort of previously have been imposrifampicin, as well as neutralizing bacteria, has been found to speed the absorption

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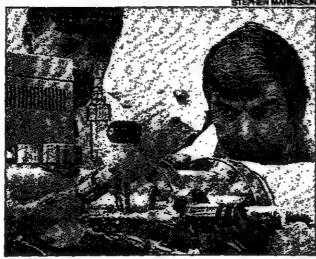
Since most cancer cases, lecturer in toxicology at the responsible for up to 25 per School of Pharmacy, London cent of deaths in industrialized countries, derive from synthetic and natural chemicals, including tobacco smoke, toxicologists are trying to identify the most potent ones and their effects.

The research has a dual purpose, according to Dr Peter Farmer, of the MRC toxicology unit: development of more effective treatments for cancer and the long-term aim of prevention by climinating exposure to harmful sub-

Poisons injure cells in different ways. Harmful sub-stances such as lead salts, corresives such as sulphuric acid, solvents such as carbon tetrachloride and the destructive weedkiller paraquat make a direct assault on cell

More potent ones block by more subtle intervention the body's normal production of essential enzymes, or behave like nerve poisons that pre-vent the release of the vital chemical messengers of the brain, or neurotransmitters. The botulism toxin, produced by the bacterium clostridium botulinum, is the most potent poison known. Less than one microgram is lethal. It binds irreversibly to the end of nerve fibres and blocks the release of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine.

A third type of injury is reactions that snake venoms precipitate by combining with other substance already



Dr Peter Farmer (right) at the MRC toxicology unit

NEW SCREENING METHOD A new method of molecular dosimetry for screening individual human cells, by gas chromatograph-mass spectrometry selected ion recording or GC-MS-SIR, shows the precise exposure at which damage can start from concentrations measured in parts per trillion. in trials, human blood calls are used to "fingerprint" damage from exposure to ethylene oxide; a component of car exhausts, eigerette smoke or industrial sites. Other tests are screening cells from placents, liver and lunc tiests. OLD SCREENING METHOD First, elaborate leboratory processes taking three days are done to obtain pure extracts of DNA and other protein blood products for analysis. Each stream is focussed as a narrow self on an electronic detector that is linked to a computer which analyses the signals and presents the identities of the signals and presents the identities of the signals and presents the identities of the signals and presents the identities of the form signals are problem. Microscopic samples are injected into the machine for analysis to find if it contains the types of cancerous residues or biological molecules which would be induced by exposure to a chemical carringen NHALATION analysed are transformed into an ionised, or electrically charged, state to give a beam of manipulated by fields with their characteristics measured by electronic RIGESTION pesticides, affets SKIN ABSORPTION A beam of molecules is accelerated A beam of molecules is accelerated through the mass spectrometry column and separated into streams corresponding to the ratio of their electrical-charge-to-mass. by-products left behind or environmental carcinogen in They have perfected a verto a delayed version of the

FINDING THE DAMAGE

is another. Antigenic reactions form a fourth class of poisoning, when substances harmless in themselves stimulate a icthal response by the body's defence system.

The fifth category, and presently the cause of greatest concern, is carcinogenesis, Re-search into the processes implicated in turning healthy cells into cancerous ones is revealing a frightening num-ber of elaborate and multi-step biochemical processes; some of which may be caused by exposure years before to a minute dose of a carcinogen.

A decisive step toward identifying the most hazardous molecules, and how they cause damage at levels which has been taken by Dr Farmer's group. The group's new method is known as molecular dosimetry, which measures awall numbers of molecules of a suspect compound.

The procedure depends on a development called GC-MS, or gas chromotography-mass spectrometry, in which the scientists have refined and combined two of the most advanced techniques for fingerprinting complex substances in mixtures. The technique is based on a unique British instrument inver by VG Analytical

Dr Farmer says: "We are all walking around with a lot of evidence in our body that tells the history of our exposure to carcinogens from work, the environment or our diets." Much of the evidence is in the form of abnormal protein

sub-microscopic damage done polluted air from cars, cigar-to the cell's DNA, but which ette smoke and industrial are characteristic of exposure processes. to specific agents, he says.

With the new method of GC-MS analysis, his team conduct bio-assays of volunteers, using tests that have the unbelievable ability to detect a change caused by a carcinogen down to one modification in a cell. In effect, the monitoring programme by the MRC toxi-cologists is an audit of the "biochemical inventory" accumulated by individuals.

Apart from those tumours thought to be caused by viruses, it is believed most tumours are the result of exposure to one or more

Tests of the GC-MS method of pinpointing involves the screening of red blood cells from volunteers for signs of tell-tale damage from exposure to ethylene oxide, an

r Farmer, in the course of this work, expects to make a conclusive comparison be-tween the biological effects of active and passive smoking.

Another project is looking at
placenta cells for signs of
benzpyrene damage, and others involve examination of occupational groups for factory exposures to a variety of medically suspect com-

The technique is not restricted to the toxicology of carcinogens. in addition, the MRC scientists have devised another method of screening for a type of brain damage that is caused by exposure again to very low levels of toxin and takes a long time to develop.

sion of the scheme for detect- nerve gas poisoning from ing the condition called contamination with organodelayed neuropathy specifically for testing and screening the organophosphate type compounds that are used

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TO SAY that the Universe contains galaxies and is expanding is to sum up in a sentence most of the incontrovertible facts of cosmology. Cosmological data - the exact rate of expansion, the precise distribution of billions of galaxies across the whole sky, the locations of the faintest and most distant celestial objects - are hard 10 come by, which gives little firm ground to build cosmological theories upon.

But in today's Nature magazine, Dr Edmund Bertschinger, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, along with two colleagues, explains how experiments now in the offing will be able to test what is probably the fundamental assumption in cosmology that gravity is what makes the Universe look the way it does.

In the early days of the expanding Universe, so standard thinking goes, there was a little bit more material in some places than others; the excess gravity of these denser places attracted more material to them and gradually galaxies formed out of the material that clumped together.

Scientists are to test the fundamental assumption in cosmology that gravity makes the Universe look the way it does

Making this vague scheme more exact - in other words, turning it into a scientific theory amenable to testing is not easy, but progress has been made in pinning down some of the details.

An important point is that if galaxies really came from lumpiness in the early Universe, the lumps should also show up in the cosmic microwave background - the echo of the Big Bang.

In the first few thousand years of cosmic history, the Universe was filled with a white-hot mix of light and matter, but now, 10 billion years later, the matter has cooled and congealed into galaxies and the light has been degraded into a ubiquitous background of microwave

But because the two were at one time intimately coupled, any irregularities in the initial distribution of matter would

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mayoidably show up as small place-to-place temperature variations in the modern

nicrowave background. Unfortunately, this is not quite as good as it sounds. connection between the original lumpiness and presentvariations in the background radiation, the process which the lumpiness turned into galaxies is so complicated and messy that measurements of the background variations can be at best only a loose constraint on

Dr Bertschinger, along with Dr Krystof Gorski and Dr Avishai Dekel, proposes a much more direct test, making use of a peculiar structure in the sky which Dr Alan Dressler of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, one of the seven astronomers who discovered it, has called the Great Attractor.

Three years ago, Dr Dressler and his colleagues, surveying the positions and velocities of hundreds of galaxies in the vicinity of the constellation Centaurus, were surprised to discover that their galaxies shared a wholesale motion, of thousands of kilometres per second, towards one point in the sky.

The fact that galaxies are years of cosmological theorizmoving around with quite ing will have to go. substantial speeds was nothing unusual, but a group of

hundreds of galaxies would normally be expected to contain as many moving in one direction as in any other. The idea of some unknown

Great Attractor tugging gal-axies towards it across millions of light years was hard to swallow and more observations were made.

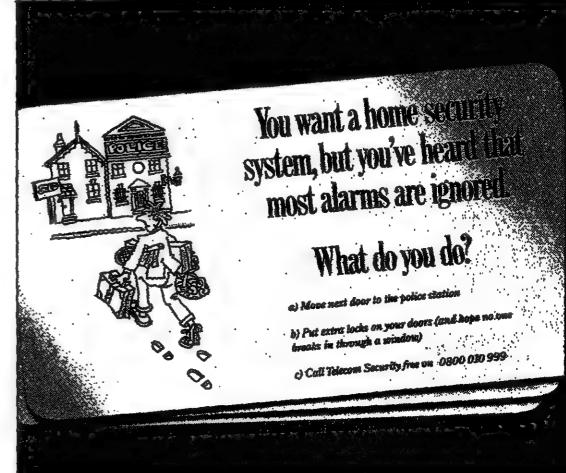
But in the May I issue of the Astrophysical Journal, Dr Dressler and some of his Although there is a precise colleagues published two more papers confirming the reality of the Great Attractor and charting its position in space more exactly than

Armed with this more com plete set of observations, Dr Bertschinger, Dr Gorski and Dr Dekel realized that the Great Attractor is so big that it should have left its own particular thumborint on the cosmic microwave background, big enough to be distinct from all the overlapping small variations asso-ciated with individual galaxies

In their report in Nature, they show that experiments now being designed to look for microwave background variations should be able to see the Great Attractor's tell-tale mark. If Dr Bertschinger's argument is correct, the thumb-print must be there.

Dr Bertschinger's proposed test is therefore a test of the underlying principle that gravity is what creates cosmic structure. If the thumb-print is not found, much of the past 20

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Microbes save us from methane How to keep your

ethane should be hitting the headlines. Ten times more potent than carbon dioxide at exacerbating the greenhouse effect, its concentration in the atmosphere is increasing apace.

The threat methane poses to the climate would be worse if it were not for the activities of methane-

Since 1800, the concentration of methane has increased by 150 per cent, whereas the carbon dioxide total has climbed just 23 per cent.
Although still only a trace gas, the atmosphere contains 1.7 parts per million of methane, compared with 350 of carbon dioxide. But the

concentration of methane, although

small, has risen from a level of 0.65

in 200 years. If the trend of an 0.8 per cent annual rise continues, global warming will be almost twice as rapid as expected from increased carbon

Methane comes from rice paddies and from cattle and sheep as a byproduct of grass-fermenting bacteria in the animals' stomachs. It is released by the type of slash-and-burn agriculture that is devastating the world's minforests.

A large amount is exuded from natural sources: peat bogs, swamps and marshes. Estimates of methane output from particular sources are vague. To make matters worse, new sources are constantly being identified. The discovery that insects such as termites produce methane in their guts was a talking point in the Eighties, as was the methane budget of temperate and tundra wetlands.

In 1988, Dr David Lowe, from the Institute of Nuclear Sciences in New Zealand, and colleagues suggested that the burning of fossil fuels

collaboration between two

countries is being suggested by the United States. Last week it

asked the Japanese to invest

more than a billion pounds in

a project to build a giant superconducting supercollider 25 miles south of Dallas that

The supercollider, which will require the building of a

54-mile tunnel, will be used to

collide electrons and their

anti-matter equivalents, posi-

trons, at huge energies around

an elliptical course.

During the collisions the

will cost nearly £5 billion.

keep rising gas

levels under control,

Henry Gee reports

added significant amounts of methane to the atmosphere.

New statistics from the Department of the Environment show that 30 per cent of Britain's methane emissions come from cattle and sheep, whereas deep coal mines come a close second, at 29 per cent. Landfills exude 20 per cent and gas leaks 10 per cent. However, the accuracy of the British inventory is exceptional - inventories are badly needed for agriculture-dependent

developing countries. While the methane that gets into the atmosphere is a net contribution, much less is known about how the natural world regulates it.

There is more to the methane story than simply the production of methane and its transport to the atmosphere," Dr Gary King, from the Institute of Genetics and Ecology at the University of Aarhua, nmark, says, "We have to understand both sides of the coin."

From studies of the deficate interplay between oxygen and methane in natural wetland, reported in today's Nature magazine, Dr King concludes that up to nine-tenths of the methane produced in wetland may never leave the bog. Methanodigesting bacteria oxidize the gas before it has a chance to escape.

These bacteria are active during the daytime, when photosynthesis by wetland algae increases the oxygen supply. Dr King made the

Bacteria may help to connection with the finding that wetlands exude methane at night.

Methane in wetlands is a waste product of bacteria called methanogens that live in watery places with abundant organic matter but no oxygen, such as wetlands

and the mud of rice paddies.

The methane bubbles out through the stagnant water overlying marsh-land mud or is transpired through plant roots. What happens next is more complicated and depends on the amount of oxygen in the top two millimetres of the mud surface, near the mud-water interface.

In daylight, microscopic green algae at the interface harvest sunlight to gain energy, making oxygen as a by-product. This oxygen is seized by bacteria that use it to oxidize organic matter such as methane, made by the methanogens in the oxygen-free parts of the

"The bulk of methane production ever makes it to the atmosphere," Dr King says. So what we see bubbling up through the mud is the small amount of methane not harvested by the wetland bacteria.

This all changes at night. Without sunlight, algal photosynthesis shuts down and oxygen tension in the sediment plummets to levels that cannot sustain oxidative bacteria. So methane escapes unhindered into the atmosphere. This sharp contrast between night

and day, so dependent on critical oxygen concentrations, can be seen in many chemical systems in natural habitats, Dr King says. Bacterial trading in nitrates

hosphates, hydrogen sulphide and nitrous oxide - another trace greenhouse gas - all rest on an oxygen debt knife-edge.



Death in the rainforest: tree clearing adds to the methane levels

Cost of the secrets of energy

ned to go into operation in management role in the super-1998, will be lined with two collider. rings of 10,000 superconducting magnets that will focus the atomic particles into a needle-thin beam.

It is the holy grail of particle physics — an attempt to recreate particles believed to have existed during the first instant after the Universe was born and provide important information on the nature of matter and energy.

combined energies of the elec-In return for such an invest-ment, Henson Moore, deputy secretary of energy and head of a delegation in Tokyo last trons and positrons are transormed into short-lived particles of enormous importance to scientists. The supercoilider, which is planweek, said Japan would get a expensive US collider.

This week the delegation

moved on to South Korea and plans to approach European countries later this year. Europe has its own Large Electron-Positron collider, housed in a 16-mile tunnel near Geneva and run by the **European Council for Nuclear** Research, which has been in operation since last year. The 14 European countries which contributed the £600 million for its development are unlikely to see much advantage in contributing to the more

instead, they are likely to want the US to consider investing in European plans for a Large Hadron Collider, which will produce 10 times the energy of the existing CERN accelerator. This is expected to cost a relatively modest £600 million or so and may use newly discovered ductors with the possibility of providing industrial spin-offs.

The American supercollider

will use the older type of As with many a buge project, the cost of the Texan supercollider keeps rising -

most recently from £3.5 bil-lion to the current £4.7 billion. While the US government is expected to contribute nearly £3 billion of the cost and Texas more than £500 million, it is hoped other countries will help with the funding. The costs rise as the need for ever higher energies increases in order to continue the search for what some describe as the key to the creation of the Universe.

The merit of the project is a America and Japan, which has its own plans for a collider. Critics have described the

funding. It is also an im-mensely expensive gamble, given rise to wry grins about the state that once again must be seen to have the biggest and most expensive version of everything.
But the American delega-

tion hopes an investment by the Japanese may be a way to ease tensions over technology trade between the two countries, although Japanese analysts believe any investment would be on a smaller scale. MATTREW MAY

project as a behemoth, arguing that the potential benefits cannot justify the cost, which may starve smaller projects of they say, as it is just possible that little of scientific importance may be discovered. The choice of Texas has also

Mitchell says.

staff at a distance

Britain's first IT teleworking centre will open in Nottingham this month

technology teleworking centre opens in Nottingham this South-east are now exploring

Frontline Nottingham, subsidiary of Frontline Initiative, aims to hire experienced and trainee IT staff to telework for South-east companies experiencing difficulties in recruiting staff.

East Midlands Electricity and a local company, the Software Group, have each taken a 10 per cent share, while the Nottingham Polytechnic has taken 5 per cent and is developing links to help its IT students find employment when they graduate.

The potential of teleworking as a possible solution to staff shortages was given a boost by a study from the National Economic Development Office (NEDO) that showed half of Britain's computers are in the South-east, while only a third of the working population live in the region.

The Nottingham business may be the first of many IT teleworking centres; ne-gotiatons are under way with investors in Doncaster and Deffust.

"The advantage of teleworking is that you can locate yourself away from the market and where prices are lower," Horace Mitchell, manager of the Frontline Initiative, says. "Staff can be on line to a client's computers or software can be developed on our com-

puters and sent on." Frontline Nottingham has recruited an initial staff of 10 programmers and 10 information managers and plans to build up to a staff of 150.

"We have managed to recruit a good management team with little effort. Yet I know IT managers in the South-east who have run major recruitment campaigns had no response at all," Mr

A study by consultancy IT World concluded that more than a third of professional and managerial staff could

BRITAIN'S first information work away from the office. A few leading employers in the month with the aim of exploit-ing the larger staff pool and County Council, a major bank lower salary costs in the and Remploy, a manufac-Midlands and North. turing company which employs disabled staff, have each commissioned studies to see if they could allow staff to

One advantage is that firms can employ people who are unable to commute to a central office, such as disabled people or single parents.

ICL has employed staff on this basis for the past 20 years, although many IT firms allow staff to work from home on al. informal basis. British Telecom says it may formalize the process and introduce telework contracts.

FI Group, the IT services company which pioneered the telecommuter model 27 years ago, when it saw the potential to employ women who had left permanent employment to have children, says it now wants to open teleworking centres in the North.

It initially employed most IT staff at home, but more recently has been setting up work centres, mostly in the South-east, to overcome the problems of isolation and space in the home.

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Teleworking is also taking off in the United States and many of the largest IT employers are taking the concept to its logical conclusions and beginning to employ staff to work remotely from other countries, where salaries are lower and there is an abundance of skilled staff.

India has attracted many American IT companies and some British firms have been lured, London Underground, the Britannia Building Society and the Port of Felixstowe have recently sent systemsdevelopment work offshore.

Yet there are still few UK firms taking advantage of teleworking. One reason given for the slow take-up by employers is that the economic slowdown is leading firms to cut back on staff.

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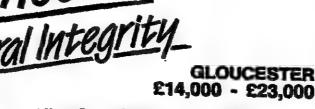
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on the decision, made by the

EC Labour and Social Affairs

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scope of the directive was too wide. Portable and laptop

computers are excluded from

the regulations but only if they

workstation". Employers will

also have to ensure that

screens are separate from

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are "not in prolonged use at a

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hirty-six hours after the larvae of the

American screw-

worm fly had hatched

on a wound on a new-born Friesian calf in Libya, Gary

Yates, a British livestock of-

ficer working for the Inter-national Fund for Agricultural

Development (IFAD), noted

they had burrowed "a hole in

which you could sink a Ha-

vana cigar".
Mr Yates went to North

Africa last May, after two

Libyan postgraduate students

at Liverpool University had

shown their professor samples

of some unknown larvae

which were beginning to afflict

cattle and other livestock near

Tripoli, the Libyan capital.

The entomology department of the British Museum identi-

fied them as the American

which had never before been

found outside the American

The migration of what has

been described as "America's

pest" is now having dramatic

political consequences. The

United States, where the

screw-worm fly was endemic

until 30 years ago, is the only

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Fly in the ointment

An outbreak of screw-worm fly in

Libya may destroy East Africa's

wildlife, reports **Andrew Lycett**

Enemy Act and ship millions

size of an ordinary bouse fly, the blue-green female of the screw-worm species lays her eggs, which grow into larvae, on the moist, exposed parts of animals. Eyes and gaping wounds are particularly vulnerable. Occasionally, as its chilling Latin name implies, the fly also infects humans. In Libya about 2,000 livestock cases and 20 human cases

But Colonel Gadaffi's Libya The real danger is that the is still beyond the pale as far as screw-worm fly could quickly Washington is concerned. spread in North Africa, the President Bush had to pass a Middle East and even Southspecial order which will allow US officials to circumvent his ern Europe. The fly likes warm, humid conditions and



The hiller: never before detected estable the American

in search of a new host. Mr Biological control - releas British colonial service in Kenya, fears that "it could shoot up the Nile", if it reaches Libya's neighbour,

Most at risk are herds of wild animals, which do not have easy access to veterinary care. Until the pest was cradicated, mortality among deer in Texas was as high as 80 per cent. "We could see the decimation of East Africa's wildlife," Mr Yates says.

Yates, who worked with the the sterile males - is much more effective. However, the only centre in the world which rears the irradiated flies is in Mexico. The plant is run by a special US-Mexican Commission and produces up to 250 million thes a week. The Gadath connection caused a hold-up since the United States still accuses Libya, which it bombed in April 1986, of being a terrorist state. Idriss Jazairy, 1FAD's Ox-ford-educated president from

humans as North African and regional rather than specifically Libyan. President Bush's special order maintains the fiction that the irradiated flies will be sold to a UN agency.
IFAD less taken the lead in

identifying the screw-worm problem. It will shortly begin a £1.7 million pilot eradication programme, which will involve four million sterile male flies a week being flown in from Mexico. But formidable practical difficulties remain. Until now, the flies have only survived in puper form for up to 17 hours. The journey from Mexico to Trip-

oli is likely to take longer. New ways of preserving and transporting the files will have to be found. Once the recipology is tried and tested in its new conditions, a full eradication programme, releasing 50-100 million sterile males a week, will be introduced. This should start by the end

of the year and cost £50 million over two years. IFAD notes that the conditions in which the screw-worm flourishes are found in Southern Europe, It hopes this will encourage the European Community to contribute.

It forecasts that if the screw-

tries, "losses of up to £120 Looking to million could be expected Looking to annually". Eradication of the fly in the US and Mexico cost the future apwards of £350 million. David Anderson, the assistant director of the joint US-Mexican Commission for regular eye examinations for those working with visual Screw-worm Eradication, has said, rather more apocalyptically, that "there are short moments in time when man's

course of history".
"I believe this is one of those moments. The whole course of African history, and possibly that of the entire eastern hemisphere, is about to be changed," he said.

choice of action affects the

Quite how the screw-worm fly reached Tripoli is not clear. Dark mutterings of biological warfare, a CIA plot against Colonel Gadaffi, have been heard. But these are unrealis tic. As one IFAD official said, "The US pumps hundreds of millions of dollars into agriculture in neighbouring Egypt. Would it have put this at risk

to get at Gadaffi?"

Most likely, the pest arrived uninvited with a cargo of sheep from Uruguay in March 1988. The United States is clearly concerned that the fly has broken out of continental America. It is doing every thing it can to expedite the legislative changes necessary to ship the flies to Libya. Meanwhile, the fly's name has subtly changed. The adjective American has been dropped, and the pest is now referred to

Planting trees

parts adjustable.

BRAZILIAN scientists have a plan to plant 10 billion trees which they say will help combat global warming by absorbing 5 per cent of the atmosphere's carbon dioxide. The suggestion, from scientists at São Paulo University, has the support of science and technology secretary José Goldemberg, who will try to sell the idea internationally and obtain funding from other countries towards the expected £12 billion cost. Professor Aziz Ab'Saber, one of the architects of the project, says Brazil "is one of the few countries in the world which possesses enough physical space to develop a large-scale reforestation programme without prejudice to other

More scrap metal

activities".

A LOS Angeles-based oil company is offering to buy thousands of the city's old cars to help reduce local air pollution. Under the scheme, drivers will receive about £400 for their cars and a i per cent reduction on a loan for a newer and cleaner car. The old cars expel 15 to 30 times more pollutants than new models.

Man on Mars? MAN would be flying to Mars

today if the Soviet Union and United States had not stalled progress with their secretive space race during the 1960s,

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according to two cosmonauts. "If we could have gotten together earlier, we would already have built an international observatory on the moon and we would be flying to Mars right now." Aleksei Leonov, the first man to walk in space, said in Boston last week at the opening of a Soviet space exhibit. Mr Leonov and fellow cosmonaut Valentin Lebedev, who lived in space for 211 days aboard Salyut 7 in 1982, said that, while the superpower competition initially spurred technical achievements, it eventually proved counterproductive. But both men support current discussions between the US and the Soviet Union to launch a jointmanned mission to Mars.

A perfect copy

THE Japanese Government

has given 37 Japanese manufacturers the go-ahead to mass produce digital audio-tape (DAT) recorders which can make virtually perfect copies of compact discs. JVC is expected to be first in the Japanese shops with a £400 DAT machine later this month. The new technology has suffered years of delay because of opposition by companies producing CDs concerned about copying and a possible fail in sales of the expensive CD. Most existing DAT decks on sale in Europe and Japan have special devices in them to prevent true digital copies being made by converting digital signals into analogue and back again, losing some of the high quality

Platelet prediction



able to predict when someone is at risk of having a second beart attack by using a test that measures the speed with which platelets in the blood clump together. A team led by Dr Mieke Trip, of the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, studied 149 heart attack survivors and

examined the speed with which platelets, important for helping blood to clot, clumped in a test tube. The team reported in the New England Journal of Medicine that patients whose platelets clumped within 10 minutes were 51/2 times more likely to die within the next five years than patients whose platelets took

longer to clump.
MATTHEW MAY

of specially irradiated sterile male screw-worm flies to Libya. Once there, they will be released to mate and so interrupt the breeding cycle of screw-worm fly, or Cochliomyia hominivorax, the larvae-laying females.
Two-and-a-half times the

most dangerous livestock have been reported.

country's Trading with the can travel up to 62 miles a day job of countering the fly.

Inside a computer's mind

IN A hall at the Computer raphy, Film and Television various components, To dem-

and former senior designer at

the Science Museum, where

he once produced several highly acclaimed exhibitions,

including a full-scale model of

Through combining advanced hardware, software

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Boston museum in 1984, be-lieves a giant walk-through

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puter, how information is

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Pesticides can do a limited

onstrate a typical use, the

exhibit runs a software pro-gram, called World Traveller,

that allows visitors to operate

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On arrival in the hall the

first sight is of the exhibit's

108 sq ft monitor, 25-ft key-

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Equipment, Apple, AT&T and

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Designers have installed

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Armchair cinema

SOUND quality in the cinema has improved markedly during the past few years, but with films increasingly being watched on television, film soundtracks fre-

Much of the problem comes from televisions equipped with only one small speaker. But manufacturers believe the quest for better sound quality will become more important as consumers continue to link their televisions to stereo systems.

Now film-maker George Lucas is to introduce a home version of a system his company Lucasfilm developed for the cinema seven years ago. The company says it vastly improves the sound quality from video cassettes.

Lucasfilm and three audio equipment manufacturers have designed systems to reproduce dialogue clearly, regardless of what else is happening on the sound-track.

Initially, a complete system is expected to cost about £5,000. Other manufacturers are producing cheaper versions of home audio-video systems which they believe will answer a desire from consumers wanting to try to recreate a mini-cinema in the home. So far more than 40 manufacturers are licensed by Dolby to produce equipment that decodes the Dolby Surround that puts four

channels of sound on to a film's In 1983, Lucasfilm introduced the THX Sound Systems now used in more than 500 of Europe and America's largest cinemas to try to improve the reproduction of

the Dolby recorded sound-tracks. THX typically uses left, right and centre speakers, as well as a special one just for deep bass behind the cinema screen and up to 22 smaller speakers around the cinema to provide ambient sound.

The development of the system was said to have been fuelled by Lucas's disappointment with the way the sound-track from Star Wars - which included many special sound effects as well as visual ones — ended up in many

The home system, introduced last week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago, imitates the cinema version with four speakers in front of the listener, including a subwoofer, but uses only two surround speakers.

The system uses a decoder that follows the Dolby process, adds a balance to prevent recordings sounding too bright when played in a small room and uses other acoustic tricks to create the illusion of all-round sound.

How satellite technology is enabling colleges to link-up and share knowledge. Leslie Tilley reports

pean-wide electronic classroom came a step nearer last month when the University of London began transmitting a live course via satellite to students in

Educational establishments are using electronic mail, video-conferencing and satellite links in an attempt to make some learning and teaching independent of distance.

The universities of London. Wales and Saltire, in Scotland, are in the forefront of moves to exploit video telecommunications for teaching and to provide faceto-face links with companies and research centres around the world.

The University of London installed a video-transmission sys-tem in 1987 to link its separate colleges across London but has now taken the concept to teach strudents abroad.

Linked to King's College in London via the European Space Agency's (ESA) Olympus satellite, students in Nice can watch and phone into lectures to ask questions while the course is broadcast.

Students in Wales and Scotland will be linked up later in the year and discussions have been held with universities in Hungary and with the Czechoslovakian government, says Graham West, the administrative secretary of the London Interactive Video for Education Network (Live-Net) Olympus co-ordination unit.

For the first two years, ESA will provide free time on the Olympus satellite for educational purposes and some European Commis hi-tech programmes are exploring training via satellite.

Countries within range of the Olympus satellite - most of Europe - only need a receiving dish to see satellite transmissions but they have to euroll with the training provider to receive other material. More locally, the technology is being used to enable remotely located universities and colleges to act as a single entity through a video link.

London, Wales and Scodand all have similar problems in that it can take a considerable time for students and lecturers to travel from one location to another. The snowy mountains of Wales or Scotland can just as easily force someone to cancel a lecture as can a traffic jam in Loudon.

Live-Net, based on fibre optics. is a joint venture between London University and British Telecom with the aim of linking the university's aix colleges in Lon-don, and one near Windsor where the satellite courses are transmitted to Europe.

The four Scottish universities of

Getting tuned in for a university of Europe



New vision: students at King's College watch a lecture by Alison Brown, lecturer in history, being transmitted from University College, London

Saltire are proposing to install a £2 million Live-Net-type system, while some polytechnics in Engconsidering similar

"The idea is that each separate university can call on resources at other universities which they previously could not do," says Bruce Royan, the director of information services at the University of "It is similar to Live-Net. The

main difference is that the University of London is a single federal organization while we plan to link four independent universities that wish to collaborate. Students at any of the universities will be able to take any course they want and be taught from another campus." The University of Wales has

begun testing a video-conferencing system, due to open officially later this year, to link its five colleges. A fibre optic network was not cost effective for Wales with its vast distances between each campus, so the university opted for a BT video-conferencing system which allows two-way live visual links from specially constructed video lecture rooms.

The network — costing £1.5 million — will link colleges at Cardiff, Bangor, Lampeter, Swansea and Aberystwyth.

Professor John O'Reilly, the university's director of the videonetwork project, says: "Distance learning is one of the applications of the network. Researchers in different locations can be used to back-up lectures and the system is interactive so that questions can be asked and answered remotely. We also see it as a way of increasing links with industry in

particular and research lab-oratories in the United States." But video technology is still expensive and there are cheaper ways of introducing distance-learning technology. Cable broad-casters are looking to transmit

courses to subscribers so students

at home, or in the office, can phone in with questions during Other organizations are adopt-

ing computer conferencing or basic electronic mail, to link students across Europe during lectures. For example, the Centre for Electronic Communications and Open Support in Education has set up the European Business and Languages Learning Network with the financial backing of the Training Agency. Students in UK. Germany and France can learn foreign languages, and later busi-

ness subjects, in cross-cultural groups. The system is multi-lingual and the first host computers are now active in London and Paris with a centre planned for Germany next year.

The University of London's Birbeck College uses computer conferencing for students taking part-time MSc degrees from home or the office using a personal computer. The first intake using computer conferencing, or network learning as they term it, will graduate this year.

The college says the technology enables large numbers of UK students to "study the same material and learn from each others' experience and understanding, avoiding many of the problems of learning in isolation encountered in other distance and open-learning courses".

A sweet deal for slimmers

THE American firm Nutrasweet is attempting to do what few packaged goods companies have ever done: introduce a consumer prod-uct so successful that it becomes

ubiquitous. Nutrasweet already holds that distinction. Its sugar substitute, of the same name, introduced in 1983, is used as an artificial sweetener in 161 soft drinks and in 3,000 other products. Now the company is trying for a repeat performance with Simplesse, a fat substitute approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in February.

To achieve the same results,

Nutrasweet will have to convince scores of customers - from bakery companies to fast-food chains - to use the fat substitute. Meanwhile, it will have to win over millions of consumers for Simplesse's first product, an ice cream-like dessert called Simple Pleasures to be introduced in the US this summer Competition in the fake-fat market is also likely to be brisk. Huge consumer products companies are working on their own versions. In addition, the company has set a goal of becoming the world's first diet-ingredients

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healthy, low-calorie substances. Nutrasweet scientists are already working on a salt substitute that will not raise blood pressure because it will contain no sodium and that will taste better than potassium chloride, the current salt substitute, which has a bitter afterteste.

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The generic name for Nutrasweet is asparame, a combination of two naturally occurring proteins that is 180 times sweeter than sugar but has a fraction of the calories - two tenths of a calorie per gram compared with four calories in an amount of sugar with the equivalent sweetening power. The technical name for Simplesse is microparticulated protein, a substance that has less than half the calories of animal fat and no cholesterol.

To make it, egg white and a protein found in whey, the watery constituent of milk, are simulta neously whipped and cooked into a ball-bearing-like consistency that fools the tongue into perceiving the feel of animal fat.

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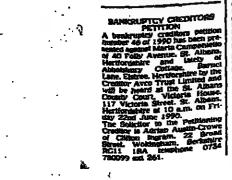
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SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Golf's new devotees are reliant on buggies

By JANE WYATT

THE first national championships of a new sport for people with disabilities will be held at Weston-on-the-Green, Oxford, on Sunday. The British Sports Association for the Disabled's Trevor Sumeray golf tour-nament is the outcome of an

idea born 18 months ago. Handigolf, which is the name of the new sport, was the brainchild of Andy Greasley, now chairman of the Handigolf Foundation, and other golf enthusiasts, including Ian Hay-den, a Paralympic medal win-

They believed that all people with disabilities should have the opportunity to enjoy the special spirit of golf. For a long time the game had been restricted to amputees and those with visual handicaps, because of the resis-tance from clubs to wheelchairs.

To solve this problem, the foundation advocates the use of electric buggies which have wider wheels and which, they claim, do not damage greens. In 18 months they have attracted around 100 regular players to the game. But future growth will be determined by the cost of the buggies, at around £1,700 each, and by the number of clubs prepared to accept them.

At the moment, handigolfers can play at half a dozen pitch and putt courses around the country. The foundation hires the facilities for a day and organises its own events, then transports the buggies to the location. This means that the game is limited to those who live near a participating course or who are able to travel long

The eventual aim is for as many courses as possible to have their own buggies, so that prospective golfers can simply phone ahead and book them. Hayden, as the foundation's technical officer, sees local golf clubs as being prime movers in raising funds for their own buggies. Once the capital invest-ment has been made the mahines cost very little to

Hayden is particularly enthusiastic about the game because able-bodied and disabled golfers can play together, working from the same slightly modified handicapping system, and without the need for any com-plicated classification

On Sunday, for example, the 15 teams will consist of two able-bodied golfers playing alongside a golfer with a disability. Apart from the fact that the handigolfers are seated there is only one other difference from regular golf and that is that the

victory for Scotland scrummage engagement, is nevertheless not being drives to Nelson Bays/Mariboro .. 6 Scotland XV 23

Yesterday, that flow of pen-alties against Scotland, apart from breaking the rhythm of their game, did not materially affect the result of the match, but only because the combined side's normally prolific goalside's normally prolific goal-kicker, Stark, was well below his normal standard. For Scotland, Dods found the slippery surface equally difficult for goal-kicking, but the Gala full back was safe under the high ball and again looked quick with the ball in hand, particularly so in the second half, when the Scots moved the ball wide to good effect.

Penalty problems

cannot prevent a

By contrast, the first half was a frustrating period in which both Moore and Shiel came close to scoring. When they did finally break the early stalemate, it was a good score created by the half backs, Oliver and Wyllie, and finished by the forwards. Oliver made the ini-tial surge from lineout pos-session, Wyllie carried on, but the less link placements Bussell the key link player was Burnell, the prop, following up quickly to set up a ruck before first Cronin and then Marshall lunged at the line, the No. 8 producing the try which Dods converted.

interpretation between the two land's lead, which they extended hemispheres on such points as at the start of the second half. From a lineout, Oliver passed to
Wyllie, whose fast break on the
blind side created a try for the
right wing, Moore.
Moore had to wait only a few

Moore had to want only a rew minutes for his second try. Dods initially confused the combined side's defence with a well-placed lick, which, out of frustration at winning less ball up front, they decided to run. The centre, Alecane was grounded by a Alesana, was grounded by a model tackle from Scotland's left wing. Porter, and with Redneth on hand to win the ball and provide the link. Moore had

an easy run in for his try.

After Dods and Stark had each put over penalties, Scotland scored their fourth try. From a scrum close to the combined side's try-line, Oliver broke wide but, sensing that the cover had moved wide, he turned back towards his forwards and found Buchanan-Smith at his elbow to take the scoring past, Dods adding the

SCORERS Meleon Berg-Mariborough: SCORERS: Neleon Berg-Mariborough: Fernity goals: Stark (2) Societies: Tress. Marghelt, Moore (2), Bucherun-Smith. Commission: Octo (2), Frankly goals.

have been a chink of complacency, something for us to exploit. With those four gone, you can forget it."
While he believed Gallagher was irreplacable, he said the All Blacks would lose little through

the other changes. "There is so much to pick from, it's not even funny," he said. "Gallagher was

their opponents. Ian McGeechan, while concerned No New Zealand surprises

tion for the first international (Alan Lorimer writes). "There are no particular surprises. There is a lot of experience in the team." he said. "Of the new caps, I was particularly im-pressed with Walter Little on the All Blacks' tour of Wales and

THE adage that "no New Zea-

land team is easy to beat" was again verified yesterday at Nel-son, where Scotland were given a testing match against the combined Nelson Bays/Mari-

borough team.

The Scotland captain, Alex

they had a heavy pack," and, by implication, the loose-head prop meant that the Scottish forwards

had had to work hard to overcome the local resistance.

dry day would have helped the Scottish side" was undoubtedly

had left the pitch at Trafalgar Park with a treacherously greasy surface, which the intermittent

In these circumstances, Scot-

land, who fielded their reserve team save for Cronin and Burnell, derived less advantage from their mobile pack and faster back division, but never-

theless ought to have used their

sion more gainfully.

One other worrying aspect for

Scotland was the number of penalties that they conceded,

Brewster's observation that "a

Scotland are expected to name their side next Tuesday. after their match against South-land in Invercargill, but it is unlikely to differ from the team which won the five nations championship.

Much, of course, will depend on the injury situation, which yesterday looked less gloomy than on Monday.

certainly oppose Little, was confined to light training yes-terday, but will attempt a more thorough session tomorrow. The Boroughmuir centre, who is suffering from a groin strain, was easer to train yesterday but

days away from the media, which surrounded them in-tensely in Wellington. Away from rugby, golf has proved a popular recreation for the Scots. be out of the tour have receded The Heriot's FP prop failed to However, the Scots' captain, Finlay Calder, did admit he was disappointed that the All Blacks have lost four of their number -John Gallagher, John Schusser, Matthew Ridge and Frank Botica — to rugby league. "Frankly, I'm disappointed," Calder said. "I felt there might

The Heriot's FP prop failed to finish Monday's session, but yesterday, the team doctor, Donald Macleod, confirmed that the injury was at the top of the calf muscle and not further down in the leg, which might have taken longer to heal.

John Jeffrey, however, was back in training yesterday after his ordeal on Satarday, when he was laid low by a punch during the match against Wellington.

Scotland's training session was longer than had been expected at this stage in the tour. McGeechan gave his reason for the extended workout as "the difficulty of working with different combinations"— an amplification of his statement earlier, when he referred to the

earlier, when he referred to the MEN ZENLANDI K Crowley, J Kirven, J Starley, W Little, T Windst, G Fox, G Bechop, S McDowell, S Pitzpesick, R Los, A Whellon, G Whellon, I Joseph House, W Shellond (caption), Reviewments: B problem of a short tour.

The tour party's stay in the seaside resort of Nelson at the northern end of South Island

Huge pack will lead France in first test

From Peter Bills

FRANCE have chosen one of the biggest packs of forwards in their history to meet the Austra-lians in the first international

scrum should give France a decisive advantage in the lineout and ensure a solid scrummage: but height and power have been chosen before mobility and it is the absence of the latter which the Australians

The French back row is a new combination full of interesting permutations. The young Moroccan, Benazzi, wins his first cap at open-side flanker, while another newcomer, Deslandes, of the Racing club, plays at No. 8.

The coach, Jacques Fouroux, mindful of the need for dynamic

driving off the back of the lineout and scrum base, has asked the South African-born Eric Melville to play the role Roger Uttley fulfilled for Eng-land in 1980 on the blind-side land in 1980 on the blind-side flank. Melville, at 6ft 3in and weighing 108kg, is one of the smaller-looking of the back-five giants. Deslandes weighs 106kg but is 6ft 5½in tall, and Benazzi is 111kg and 6ft 4in.

Paired with these three huge back-ray men are the worre.

Pared with these three huge back-row men are the young locks, Devergie, who is 6ft 5in and 115kg, and Roumat, at 6ft 6in the tailest player in the team and weighing 110kg. A forward juggernaut is not a new expression in rugby, but this French pack looks massive by

outside the scrum, the unavailability of Mesnel through injury means a chance in senior international rugby for Langlade to play alongside Phillippe Sella in the centre. Fouroux calls him "my breakaway flanker, the flier in defence" for his crushing rackles and roral commitment. The front row is also physically big, but Fouroux was so concerned by their rustiness and

technique against New South Wales last weekend that he asked the former Australian international, Topo Rodriguez, to take a commercial session for to take a scrumaging session for The French coach said:
These players will suit the

game we wish to play. In Strasbourg last winter, when Australia beat us, they had bigger men in the lineout and we were, in desperation, trying to tackle them off the back of the scrums and lineouts. Now we have the hard men and hope to drive and drive."

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Three leaving Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM RPC officials yesterday expressed their dis-appointment that Neil Back, their England Under-21 flanker, will be playing for their East Midlands rivals, Leicester, next

His appearances for Notting-ham have been restricted by the presence of the England inter-national, Gary Rees, and Leicester have been long been admirers of a player who is a candidate for a place in the England party for the 1991 World Cup. World Cup.

Back has been touring with the England Under-21 squad under the management of Tony Russ, Leicester's new paid direc-

The Nottingham maofficials are put under pressure as well, because they know they have to bring success to their

Back is the first player to leave Nottingham against the club's vishes to join another top team for purely rugby reasons since Dusty Hare in 1977. He also moved to Leicester.

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By GEORGE ACE

Northampton is the wing threequarter, Harvey Thorneycoof, who has been unable to hold down a regular first-XV place with

Lyman joins Moseley after success on tour

MOSELEY have recruited the England Under-21 prop. Neil Lyman, from Kidderminster for

Lyman had been attracting

the interest of several senior clubs but agreed to join Moseley

Moseley returned unbeaten from their three-match tour, beating a Texas representative side 33-15 in their final match in Dallas. Peter Shillingford, the Moscley captain next season, scored two of their five tries.

Law Report June 7 1990 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

European Community measure makes Sunday trading convictions unlawful part of the Cassis de Dijon test section 47 was a regulatory parted from its previous

W. H. Smith Do-It-All Ltd v for the serving of customers on Peterborough City Council Payless Ltd v Peterborough City Council

Refore Lord Justice Musill and Mr Justice Schiegrann [Judement June 4]

A European Community measure prohibiting quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent ef-lect applied where stores sold a substantial quantity of goods imported from EC member states and sold a substantial percentage of their goods on a Sanday.

Therefore, their convictions of the Shops Act 1950 were in conflict with the provisions of article 30 of the Treaty of Rome, The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in a reserved judgment in allowing appeals by way of case stated by W. H. Smith Do-It-All Ltd and of their appeals by Peterborough Crown Court (Judge Astill and justices) against their convic-

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said that for many years it was forbidden in England and Wales to open shops on Sunday, except for the sale of a strange mis-cellany of goods now ossified in the Fifth Schedule to the 1950

On July 13, 1988 and April 11. 1988 Payless and W. H. Smith Do-It-All, respectively, infringed that prohibition. On the assumption that section 47 of the Act was volid there was no defence to the charges and the stores were convicted.

What made the appeal unusual was the need to make that assumption explicit. Since the accession of the United Kingdom to the European Community the courts were obliged to read UK statutes in the light of in the Treaty of Rome, EC of the European Court of Jus-

If there was a collision in the context of a particular set of facts between section 47 of the Treaty of Rome the former had The case

The facts in the case stated by

the crown court were, inter alia, The stores sold a substantial quantity of goods imported from member states of the EC. A substantial percentage of the weekly turnover of sales by the stores was achieved on Sundays in places where the stores were open on Sundays.

Where no Sunday trading

took place at a store the overal retail turnover was adversely affected. Only about 30 per cent of trade lost as a result of closing on Sundays was recovered over the rest of the week. That meant turnover was lost entirely.

was reduced across the range of its products a proportionate reduction in the sales of EC imported products would simi-

The crown court concluded that section 47 of the 1950 Act was a regulatory provision passed by a member state which did not fall within the definition of "trading rule" [see Case 8/74 Procureur du Roi v Dassonville ([1974] ECR 837)] and its effect uld not bring it within article

That court therefore had dis-

missed the appeal and asked the High Court whether it was correct in law in interpreting article 30 of the EEC Treaty as not applying to section 47 because it was not a trading rule. The judgment of the Eurothe judgment of the European Court of Justice in Case 145/88 Torfaen Borough Council v B & Q Ltd (The Times November 24, 1989; [1990] 2 WLR 1330) had intervened since the case had been stated.

European law before Torface nity law that article 30 had the coming from Case 120/78 Reveeffect, in the words of the ECJ in Zentral AG v Bundesmonopol-

Dassonville that "All trading rules enacted by member states which are capable of hindering, directly or indirectly, actually or potentially, intra-Community trade are to be considered as measures having an effect equivalent to quantitative trictions".

Article 30 was subject to three The first was specifically cre-

ated by article 36 and was not relied upon in the present case. The second exception existed where it was possible for the court to tell, simply by inspecting the measure, that it could not have an adverse effect on

The final exception was the consequence of judicial initia-tive. A doctrine had developed which recognized that national measures, prima facie within the interdiction of article 30, were nevertheless to be acknowledged a validity subject to strict

First, the measure had to have ognized for Community pur-poses as falling within a justifiable field of national leg-islative or judicial activity pending a harmonization by European laws.

Second, the exception only applied where the measure app-lied to domestic and imported products

Finally, the measure had to have an effect proportional to the national needs which gave the measure its justification. That judge-made exception to article 30 was given various names which for convenience

his Lordship would call the "Cassis de Dijon" exception

verwaltung für Branntwein ([1977] ECR 64). That case concerned the importation into the Federal Republic of Germany of a liqueur, Cassis de Dijon, containing 15 to 20 per cent by volume of alcohol. That fell foul of a regulation then in force in Germany prohibiting the sale of potable spirits having a wine-spirit content less than 32 per

lation was prohib-There was no case which explicitly decided the location of burden of proof in the Cassis common ground during argu-ment that once it had been demonstrated by the objecting party that the measure fell prima facie within the purview of article 30 it was for the justifying party to establish the necessary elements of the

cent. The ECJ held that the

The one significant omission in the case stated was that there was nothing which could be relied upon to bring section 47 within the Cassis de Dijon exception. No evidence of that kind was adduced by either side and the council expressly disclaimed any reliance on the

The stores now contended that since the council had not discharged the burden of proving that the case fell within the exceptions of article 36 or Cassis de Dijon, section 47 could not form a valid basis for a criminal The council out forward arguments which in their essential

opinion, inter alia, that "the decided but also on the extent to The ECJ was not there remit-Shops Act and in particular which the court thereby de- ting to the national court that

provision passed by a member state which did not fall within the definition 'trading rule' and its effect could not bring it within arricle 30."

Proceedings in the Torfaen case The decision of the ECJ in Torfaen was expressed in terms whose true meaning was at the heart of the dispute in the In that case the English court

sought to establish whether the concept of measures having an restrictions within the meaning of article 30 also covered provisions prohibiting reta from opening their premises on Sunday if the effect of the prohibition was to reduce in ibsolute terms the sales of goods in those premises, including goods imported from other member states.

The national rules prohibiting retailers from opening their premises on Sunday applied to imported and domestic prod-In principle, the marketing of

products imported from other member states was not therefore made more difficult than the marketing of domestic products. The ECJ found that article 30 had to be interpreted as mean-ing that the prohibition which it laid down did not apply to national rules prohibiting retailers from opening their premises effects on Community trade which might result did not exceed the effects intrinsic to rules of that kind. Effect of the Torface decision

In the present case the parties were deeply divided not only on what precisely the Torfaen case

urisprudence. The stores represented the judgment as an entirely ortho-dox application of well established principles, conforming precisely with the submissions they themselves had made to the

The council, by contrast, submitted that Torfaen represented a radical reformulation of the entire topic, rendering obsolete the arguments in the crown court on both sides, and calling for a new approach from the Divisional Court an approach which would neverthe-

ess yield the same answer as In his Lordship's mind it was plain that in the view of the FCI in Torfaen, section 47 was not only capable of being, but actually was, a measure equivalent to a quantitative restriction, and hence invalid unless saved by article 36 or the Cassis de Dijon exception.

Since the facts found by the own court in the present case did not differ essentially from those found by the magistrates court in the *Torfaen* case his Lordship was bound to treat section 47 as a measure equiva-

lent to a quantitative restriction. The Torfaen judgment en-abled his Lordship to take one step further. It had been argued by the stores that the ban on Sunday trading did not fall within any of the established categories to which the Cassis de Dijon exception applied, and was in any event so anomalous and lacking in discernible purpose that it could not fall within the exception. The ECI in Torfaen explicitly rejected that

which related to the justification of the measure, but was itself deciding that legislation on Sun-day trading fell within the permissible sphere of activity of the UK as a member state.

In his Lordship's opinion it followed that the ECJ tacitly gibility of the supposed leg-islative purposes of section 47, for otherwise it would not have sone on to discuss the question

of proportionality.

Those aspects of the Torfaen case transformed the present dispute since it was before the crown court. So much so, the stores contended, that no dispute remained.

In Torfaen the Cwmbran court was required to take up the reins again and to decide on the Dijon exception applied. Not so here. There was no evidence

that the exception applied. That argument was undeniably correct unless the judgment of the ECJ had opened up new reasons for saying that section 47 lay entirely outside the scope of article 30. The council contended that that was just what

In his Lordship's judgment the importance of *Torfaen* lay in the illustration which it provided of the kind of national measure that the court would regard as potentially consistent with Community law. Aside from that his Lordship would regard it as being in the direct line of jurisprudence of which Cassis de Dijon was a prominent example.

Mr Justice Schiemann delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Metcalfe Copeman

Bankrupt's creditors take predence over family for their home

In re Citro, Domenico (2 Benkrust) In re Citro, Carmine (a Bankrop()

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Bingham and Sir George Waller (Judement May 23)

Where a spouse with a beneficial interest in the matrimonial home became bankrupt, the voices of the creditors would usually prevail over the voice of the other spouse.
Unless exceptional circum-

stances existed, the court, under the provisions of section 30 of the Law of Property Act 1925, should order a sale of the property within a short period even though it could result in a wife and young children losing their home

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments (Sir George Waller dissenting) allowing appeals by the trustees of the estates of Domenico and Carmine Citro, both bankrupts, from the orders of Mr Justice Hoffmann in June 1989 for mies of the matrimonial homes to take place but with provisos for attained 16 years, in 1994 and 1995 respectively. The court substituted a postponement of In 1985 Domenico Citro and

his brother, Carmine, were adjudicated bankrupt. Their only assets were their half shares of the beneficial interests they had in their matrimonial

homes.

Domenico was judicially separated from his wife, Mary, and she lived in their home with three children, the youngest being 12. Carmine Citro lived in his home with his wife, Josephine, and their three children the wonness being 10. ren, the youngest being 10.

The trustees in bankruptcy sought declarations as to the beneficial interests in the houses and orders for sale and Mr Bernard Devlin for the

bankruptcy trustees; Mr J. J. O. Cameron for the wives.

said that Jones v Challenger ([1961] I QB 176) held that on a

section 30 application, in rela-tion to property acquired jointly

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

spouse had a right to demand a sale while that purpose still existed. That was now a settled rule of law. But its application depended on the whole of the beneficial interest being vested in the occupants if one became bank-

rupt, so that part of the bene-ficial interest was vested in his trustee, there arose a conflict between the interests of the between the interests of the occupants and the statutory obligation of the trustee to realize the bankrupt's assets for the benefit of the creditors.

Decisions subsequent to Jones v Challenger had held that the interests of the husband's creditors ought usually to prevail over the interests of the wife and children and with one exception, In re Holliday (11981) 1 Ch 405), a sale within a short period had invariably

short period had invariably It had also been assumed that no distinction ought to be made between a case where the property was still being enjoyed as the matrimonial bome and one

where it was not.

and his wife in equal shares and had ordered sale.

He then applied the principle stated by Lord Justice Goff in In re Holliday (at p420) that the court had to decide "whose voice, that of the trustee seeking to realize the debtor's share for the breaft of his cardians.

the benefit of his creditors or

was owned by each bankrupt and his wife in equal shares and

that of the wife seeking to preserve a home for herself and the children, ought in equity to Having considered the personal circumstances of each wife and her children with some care, the judge ordered both sales be postponed.

The effect of the authorities

was that where a spouse who had a beneficial interest in the matrimonial home had become bankrupt, the voice of the creditors would usually prevail over that of the other spouse and a sale would be ordered within a short period. The voice of the other spouse

would only prevail in excep-tional circumstances. What In the instant case, Mr Justice circumstances?

wife and children to face evic-tion and be unable to buy a comparable home in the area. Such circumstances engendered a natural sympathy but could not be described as exceptional. They were the melancholy consequences of debt and improvidence with which every civilized society had become

It was only in Holliday that circumstances had helped the wife's voice to prevail and then only because of one special feature of that case: it was there unlikely that postponement of payment of the debts would cause hardship to the creditors. Mr Justice Hoffmann had

creed. The personal circum-stances of the wives and child-ren, although discressing, were not exceptional. Moreover, he had fashioned his orders by reference to those which might have been made in the Family Division in a case where bankruptcy had not supervened. Nor had he asked himself the critical question whether a postponement of payment of

their debts would cause hard-

ship to the creditors. Clearly it

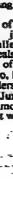
The instant cases were distinguishable from Holliday and ought to have been decided Lord Justice Bingham gave a nt concurring with Lord

SIR GEORGE WALLER, dissenting, said that Mr Justice Hoffmann had set out the interests which had to be balanced: the creditors and the two wives with their children who were very much at the critical age for their education.

He had had to exercise his discretion and had followed the decision in *Holliday*, a decision that possibly went further than the earlier authorities but was a decision of the Court of Appeal. The circumstances of the instant cases were very special. Although the judge's words might not have precisely followed the words of the judgments in Holliday, he had

Solicitors: Stoneham Langton & Passmore; Phelps & Law-rence, Swindon.

covered exactly the same points. Both appeals should be



THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 7 1990 Why the original plans for the 1991 World Student Games in Yorkshire were too ambitious

Still a way out for Sheffield

THE continuing problems of the Sheffield Universized haunt and embarrass us. The proposed solutions to

the financial pressures threatening the staging of the World Student Games in Sheffield next summer are boringly and predictably convergent. Task forces from the British Olympic Association, the Sports Council, and the Central Council of Physical Recreation will land on the beaches and save the day. A Marshall Pian will be devised. British sport will have egg on its face - but not all down its suit. We can then return to making Olympic bids without student sideshows baring the true soul of British sport.

In many ways, the current problems are necessary and welcome. The idea was never truly thought through. The fact that Brazil had to abandon the last Universiade should have stimulated our powers of analysis. But it

It was decided to organise a mini-Olympics in the confident expectation that the television moguls would fall over themselves to sign contracts, yet television has never shown much interest in the World Student Games,

The Sheffield Games were "privatised". The facts are that privatisation of a major world sports event just does not work - or rather it has never truly been tried. The Los Angeles model is trotted out to boost the morale of the privatisers. Los Angeles is seen through Coca-Colatinted glasses blurred by a McDonalds smokescreen. The 1984 Olympic Games, however, were merely topped-up by commercial sponsors.

The operation was based on massive community invest-ment in sport and recreation in schools, in communities, in universities. State univer-sities, in particular, furnished the elite with four-year sports scholarships. Most of the facilities were city or universityowned. The great United States money-spinning sports

— basketball and American football - are usually university-based with the profits ploughed back into physical education departments.

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Since the discovery of oil in have ensured that a percentage, by many as pampered and



Taking the plunge: The Pouls Forge swimming complex, one of the expensive facilities being built for the troubled Sheffield Universiade

which active sport was part of the daily lifestyle. Transport, accommodation, clothing,

coaching, all provided at knock-down prices. Young people facilitated to experi-

ence organisation, like cap-

taincy, secretaryship, chairmanship and all other

such tasks which underpin

It provided a nice balance to

the brainwork; it provided

practice for the administrative

skills used later in business,

the civil service and diplomacy. And, let us be fair,

many of those who enjoyed

the experience continued to

serve the voluntary sports movement for a lifetime, al-

most as a moral duty. Vol-

untary public service through the medium of sport. Almost

all leading sports admin-

istrators in this country - and

perhaps in the world - came

SPORTS LETTERS

of the profits should be put back into recreational amenities for the populace - not too distant from the coastline. Hence the abundance of golf

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courses, marinas, and the like. On top of this arrive the commercial boys - generous and patriotic. For example, 3M taking on board all the administrative costs of the three United States Olympic Committee (USOC) training centres at Colorado Springs, Lake Placid and San Diego. The city of Colorado Springs rents the USOC a complete sports-excellence complex for \$1 a year. The city of San Diego endeavours to assure all members of US elite squads based there a job or a scholar-ship. A heady brew. But a far cry from Sheffield 1991 Ltd.

Britain 1990 Ltd.
Furthermore, the world does not seem happy about a mini-Olympics for students. It seems to tolerate, indeed welcomes, one great bonanza every four years. The greatest show on earth. But a second 'one, for a group aiready seen

privileged? Why not also for the rest of the world's specialised groups - bank clerks, bricklayers, the unemployed?

Some specialised groups do have their global sports meetings - the military, for example - but here training. equipment, and transportation are all paid for by governments! Medical doctors have their own sports championships - but these are low key and self-financed, although a concurrent seminar would probably make the whole event tax-allowable. There are other down-market. modest, events of this kind.

The Yugoslavs organised the 1987 World Student Games and they used a mix of Balkan public and private enterprise. They also have an apt proverb — "If you are in the soup, at least enjoy the taste of it." Sheffield and Britain are in the soup.

So let us look at the basic ingredients. Student sport in Britain became a model for the world. It was largely selforganized, belped along by financial subsidies from the through this route; even those who are now paid as part of a university and/or state. In growing professional cadre of working time a large body of sports administrators. intellectuals enjoyed three or We can still make a good four, or more, years of study in

soup from these raw materials. But we can't make a Christmas cake. The soup we can make would focus on selforganisation (warts and all). It would focus on what students could do for the rest of the community in sport — now and later. It would focus on the creation of an organisational model which might be exportable, especially to the Third World, and thus help to make world student sports activities an ongoing and viable experience for students everywhere.

It could also usefully look more closely at the bottom-up problems and less at the topdownward attractions.
"Universiade" does still
symbolise a certain hierarchy in student sport. Most for the universities, less for the polytechnics and colleges. A gigantic investment at the top - to save faces - accompanied by a

declining sports profile at the club level would not go down well with the British public. Or the thinking student body. I do not write in a spirit of

sour grapes, I was a student, I spend much of my life in academia. I enjoy and appreciate the advantages, especially in sport. I also want everyone else to share them. We still have a year to sort things out. Get back to basics. House the students in local homes and tents if need be. Get the students doing their own thing in regard to organisation. Devise a system which works for Sheffield and also

from the old bricks. An exercise conducted in this spirit could excite sponsors. It should embarrass government into action. It would enable the event to take place. And it would do the world a

for Dar es Salaam. Make some

really exciting new shapes

Dr Don Anthony is a University lecturer and president of the English Volleyball

EQUESTRIANISM

Thomson hears the call for instant action

many weeks and continues her renetic schedule this weekend when she attempts a second win at the MacConnal-Mason Scambam International Three-

The event, which starts today at Brambam Park, near Wetherby, West Yorkshire, has attracted several leading competitors, among them Mark Todd, the dual Olympic gold medal winner, Robert Lemieux, a former national champion, and Rodney Powell, also shortlisted for the world championships

championships.

Thomson, who was third on King Boris at Badminton last month, has since competed at Punchestown in Ireland, where she had to retire King Samuel on the cross country; at Windsor, where she had a run-out on The Legislator, and at Breda in the Netherlands, where she dropped from first to fifth place after King Max knocked down three show-jumping fences.
At Bramham Park she rides

At maintain rail and race King William, a seven-year-old gelding who finished fifth in his first three-day event in Lions d'Angers last year. "I'm just

MARY Thomson, who is on the shortlist for the world three-day-event championships, has competed in four competitions in as the cross country course on Saurday. The European team gold medal winner is riding the former working hunter, The peted in a three-day event before. The eight-year-old geld-ing has gone from novice to

ing has gone from hovice to advanced in one year
Where many riders use Bramham as a stepping-stone to Burghley or Badminton, Mark Todd is doing the reverse. He will ride the experienced 12-year-old Michaelmas Day, a horse who showed a precocoustallers as a seren-year-old (wintalent as a seven-year-old (win-ning at Rotherfield Park and finishing third at Bockelo in the

beset by minor injuries.

Todd, who had a fall with him at Badminion, describes him as "a good borse on his day" and intends to prove that this

The event, which also hosts the Young Riders national championship, has a strong foreign entry, with riders from 11 nations. It begins today with two days of dressage followed by cross country on Saturday and show jumping on Sunday.

GYMNASTICS

Training pays off

THE British Amateur Gym-nastics Association's policy of Bruges, seizing the team gold concentrated training is paying medal ahead of 15 countries, nastics Association's policy of concentrated training is paying off, judging by successes at big immunational e- mu this season. At the same time, there is concern at the cost of sustaining leading sympacts' increasing leading gymnasts' increased and longer training sessions, in-tended to produce outstanding performances at the 1992 Olym-

pic Games at Barcelona. Within the last formight, Neil Thomas, a national champion, less won the first British medul in the European championships since 1957, taking the bronze for vault at Lausanne. Last week, at the Grand Prix D'Italia at Bolzmo, the last qualifying tournament for this year's World Cup, he captured the gold

modal for floor.

Britain have unished in fifteenth place after eight qualifying events, enabling them to
send one male gymnast to the
World Cup finals at Brussels in

In the same period, the leading British women, 100, have achieved a resounding success at

including the Soviet Union and Hungary. Sarah Mercer, the British champion, also won gold in the individual all-round championship and three silver medals for vault, beam and

lo rhythmic gymnastics, Viva Seifert, the national No. 2, gained Britain's first inter-national medal, at the Debrecen tournament in Hungary, when she took a bronze medel in the ball final.

Paul Williams, the deputy president of the BAJ, said: "Our outlook is certainly bright, but it depends upon bringing our top symnasts together for more frequent, more sustained train-ing." This, in turn, generated higher costs in areas such as travel, accommodation and ba-

Williams said: "We owe our symnasts who are doing so well the chance of boning their skills with minimum hassle."

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SPORT ON TV AMERICAN SPORT: 858 4.30-6pm. AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Emergent 12:30-1.30em (comorrow). BASEBALL: Screensport 9-11emt. High-lights of Major League from the United States. BOXING: Screensport 12-2pm; Pro-fessional event from the United States: Europport 9-11pm; World championship highlights.

CRICKET: 88C1 10.50sm-1pm, 1.50-3.50pm, 12.15-12.45sm (tonorrow) and 86C2 4-6.35pm: Coverage of the First Combil Test: First day from Trent Bridge: BSE 8-10pm: First Combili Test.

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FOOTBALL: Enrosport 8.30-8em, 7-8 and 10-10.30pm: World Cap preview: Screeneport 6-8pm: World Cap: Inter-national Intern profiles. GOLF: Screensport 3-5pm: Highlights of the Kemper Open Potomec tournament from the United States. MOSIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 6-6.30pm.

MOTORCYCLING: 858 2-8, 4-4:30, 6:30-MOTOR SPORT: Screenaper 9-11am: Highlights of the NASCAR Wissoon Cup. and Budwelser SDC: BSS 7-7-30pm: Wotor World?

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 11sm-midday. RACNO: BSB 1.30-2 and 10-10.30pm: SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25, 8.0, 7.30, 10.30 and midnight. SPORTS PREVIEW: BSB 3-4pm.

TSWEE: Eurosport 11am-6pm and 10.30pm-12.30am: Live coverage and further nightights of the French championships from Paris. THAI BOXING: Screensport 2-3pm. UPDATE: Screensport 8pm. WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 5-

Problems of England followers Greyhound

From Mr N. J. Phillips and

Sir. Before publishing stories condemning English supporters for arriving at the World Cup finals without tickets, buying on the black market and ending up in the wrong part of the ground, consider how difficult it has been to acquire them in the UK. The alternatives were to sign

up for an official tour at £800-£900 plus tickets or to arrange a self-organised trip. The latter was our choice. As soon as the draw was made in December we booked and paid deposits for accommoda-

tion in Sardinia, the minibus and ferry crossings for both the Channel and Ligurian Sea. By January we were fully organised and members began to pay in their money. All we needed were

their money. All we needed were much tickets.

We contacted the FA, then the England Travel Club. We filled out the forms, provided photos and paid our money. At least now we were able to apply for

On April 12 we received the application forms. Providing details and proof of travel and accommodation was no prob-lem. We had known these particulars for almost three months.

For phase one (Sardinia), tickets are priced at £55, £33, £17 and £9 per game. We were

told "that a large number of tickets allocated to the FA are in category 1 (£55) and, therefore, members requiring tickets at this price have more chance of being successful "IA second category choice had to be made and open cheques forwarded. This me did on April 23.

we did on April 23. At the beginning of May, the FA had not yet decided on the basis of allocation. They had problems as the majority of people had chosen seats at £9 and £17, of which they have very few. Apparently FIFA allo-cate tickets directly to approved travel agents and then to the national associations, who re-

ceive 7½ per cent of each game they are involved in.

The FA received the tickets on May 23, of which approximately three-quarters were at £55, for allocation less than 10 days before we were due to sail.

As you can imagine, having gone to much time and trouble, as well as expense, to organi such a trip, we would travel to Sardina regardless of whether we received tickets or not. It is which go some small way to creating confusion and tension at England's overseas venues.

Yours sincerely.

N. J. PHILLIPS, L. D. TAPPER,
R. A. PLASTOW, S. J. TAYLOR, 5 Veronica Lodge, 174 Bedford Hill, SW12.

hardly a bad pass. To give England their due, they did score a superlative goal.

4. The burden of expectation heaped on the national side is true not only in football — it is equalled in cricket and rugby. It

can also be said that under Bobby Robson the England playing record has been accept-able, but does it mean that the

during his tenure? I would

suggest not by the difficulty the side has in beating second rate

teams. During the past four years, exactly at the time when

possibility of playing against foreign opposition at club level, Robson has continued to rely

upon players whose weaknesses

5. Talk of replacements for

Robson has centred on Graham

Taylor, Terry Venables, Brian Clough and Howard Kendall,

yet there is one name which

undoubtedly would not feature

on anyone's list - journalist or

FA executive committee mem-

ber - as either manager or coach: Osvaldo Ardiles. This is

a man who sacrificed everything eight years ago by turning his

back on his country of birth to

remain in his adopted country,

England, until hounded out by

hostile public opinion, and who

would reverse the otherwise continuing slide of our national

surely as he has transformed

Swindon Town into one of the

most attractive and successful

sides within one season.

PHILIP BUCKINGHAM,

Yours faithfully

were already manifest.

European chasm From Mr Philip Buckingham

Sir, Living in a nation which follows closely the events of both local and international league football on television and in the Press is a salutary experience, since it highlights the following points:

1. How great the chasm has become between the skill levels of footballers in the rest of Europe compared with those in the English league. Evidence for this comes at both club and national levels, inasmuch as the Italian, West German and Spanish leagues are hardly overflowing with English talent.

2. The mediocrity of the English league is highlighted by the fact that players are required to work continually on their fitness in order to play the number of games required by the league programme and the innumerable cups. In Italy the system works to the benefit of the players as they have to play only one league game every week, unless special circumstances apply. Over and above this, there is the Italian Cup, which starts with only the top two divisions, and the European cups. Players can therefore hone their skills on the training

ground. 3. The gap in skills at national level was expressed most simply on the field at Wembley recently when the Uruguayans defeated England with a display of consummate skill, laced with the type of cynical defensive play associated with South
American sides. On the ball
Uruguay looked far more
comfortable than England, with

racing blow From the Secretary of NGRC

Sir, On May 24 the Chancellor told the House of Commons that football pools betting duty, due to be cut from 42.5 per cent

to 40 per cent on May 28, would be the means to provide an estimated £100 million to football clubs thring the next five years - only possible because of an agreement reached with the Football League, Football Trust and pools companies.

In other words, by the Government reducing taxation, the pools companies are made free to divert punters' money from the Treasury to the football industry to help cover the cost of improvements imposed on them by Government.

What a funny world it is.
Although the greybound racing industry has an excellent safety record and has never experienced anything remotely resem-bling a disaster, it is to be caught up in enormous costs of stadium improvements arising directly out of football (which has seen out of football (which has seen many major disasters). But it is to be football that is bailed out to the tune of the diversion of £100 million of supporters' cash. Greyhound racing is left to find its own way out of the mess that football—and only football—has got it into, and is still denied by Government any help from a betting levy.

Howe parine for many years.

Horse racing for many years, and now football, enjoys this benefit. Greyhound racing is still to receive nothing, but must foot this enormous new bill imposed upon it by football's of lives lost at greyound racing (there have been none), but directly because of lives lost at

Football has been found guilty but is to be let off with a subsidised caution. Gambana subsidised caution. Greybound racing is innocent but is to be heavily fixed, just for being in Yours faithfully, A. R. JAMES. Secretary, NGRC

Racecourse Promoters Ltd., Wimbledon Stadium,

Plough Lane, SW17, Three too many From Mr Claudio Camali Sir, Mr Greber's comments on Italian football hooliganism (May 31) were not entirely

At the Bologue-Fiorentina game the Fiorentina hooligans did attack a train carrying Bologua supporters but there were no deaths. At the Lazzo-Attained game there were clashes between home supporters and the police before the match and in its later stages, without dozens of injuries. At the Cesena-Juventus match, a Cesena supporter was stabbed by a Juventus hooligan; fortenately the attack was not fatal. During the last 15 years of Italian domestic football there

have been three deaths con-

On humans and racehorses

It seems to me that runners'

2. Better nurtrition.
3. Coaching now received by more runners.
4. Harder training. The runner

since 1936.

5. More of the world's increasing population are taking to the eri. Recur unadical facilities.

6. Better insciscal facilities.
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has received little of the runner's
benefits. Inbreeding may be
detrimental to the improving
speed and stamins. The racehorse owner can rest in the
knowledge that the borse will always be faster than the man, arways ue asser utan ine man, especially in my case, as a 59-year-old, the best I could manage in training for a furlong this morning was 34.29 seconds. It is a good job they don't have selling plate races for humans. Yours sincerely. OHN A. MURPHY,

la Chandos Road. Harrow, Middlesta

Harrison Sir, Sebastain Coe's somewhat

suspected by professional horse racers or human athletes. The progressive changes that have marked the evolution of this animal over the past 55 million years have seen a change from a lamb-sized cohippus to the considerably larger modern horse. Such evolutionary pathorse. Such evolutionary pat-terns result from numerous 330-332 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Up to standard From Dr J.G.P. Williams

and, as Mr Greber pointed out, at an Inter-Ascoli game in 1989. These are clearly three deaths too many, but they do not correspond to four deaths in the last two years.

everyone in England should remember the deaths of 39 for what he wrote about David people caused by British hooli-gans in Brussels. For some, it is English cricket has one man not very easy to forget. This is why English clubs should not be many, and he, as Mr Lee writes, one of the most distinguished England cricketers in two Yours faithfully, BUNNY AUSTIN,

migratory events and parallel

acteristics, such as increase in leg length. Speed and endurance are abilities that characterize all cursorial vertebrates, with run-

ning speed a product of stride rate and stride length. Although

long legs take long strides, speed is not increased simply by

increased body size. The horse

Quadrupeds use a wide vari-

ety of running gaits. Horses, whilst trotting at low speeds,

move to a canter and finally s

gallop at top speed. The value of the gallop is possibly related to a change from kinetic to strain energy and is a result of fun-

damental physiological behav-iour rather than breeding.

elements are formulated in such

a manner that they satisfy but do not exceed functional

requirements is termed symmorphosis. My own investiga-

tions into the possible relationships between body weight, voice box area (laryax) and maximum running speed is

based upon over 900 mamma-

lian specimens. This shows a

constant scaling between these parameters for all except the cheetah, which, in fact, "breath holds" whilst sprinting the 200 metres in which it must run

down its prey.

Since the horse has exactly the

same respiratory system as other terrestrial mammals, there is no

good reason why selective breeding should materially af-

Surely yet another example of a profitable enterprise based

The Institute of Laryngology

conform to BS6183 which Stan-

dard has been in existence for

One must ask, therefore, do

batsmen wear gloves to the British Standard - and if not

(Chairman, Committee BSM31, British Standards Institution),

largely on mythology.

Yours sincerely, D.F.N. HARRISON,

nine years.

why not?

Yours faithfully

Little Paddocks.

Buckinghumshire.

Orford House,

Coulsdon, Surrey

From Mr Bunny Austin

Bourne End

JOHN WILLIAMS,

The concept that structural

completes about 1.5 strides per second, the cheetah at least 3.5.

Sir, I read with interest Sebas-tian Coe's article on the training of humans and racehorses (June

times have improved for the following reasons:

1. Running surfaces are much

knows the word mile record has been bettered by 20 seconds

From Professor Sir Donald

emotive article relating to the training of racehorses raises a number of facts apparently un-suspected by professional horse

Sir, Mr Bertram Hesmondhalgh's point (May 31) regarding batting gloves and protection is well made. Damages ought to be reclaimable but only probably if batting gloves are made and

nected with hooliganism, at a Roma-Lazio game in 1979, at a Milan-Cremonese game in 1984 I suggest that Mr Greber and

allowed back into Europe. CLAUDIO CAMALL Kingston Vale, SW15.

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Too young for the job developments of many char-

prompts me to call to attention the practice of racing horses on the Flat at two and three years of age. A horse does not reach maturity until five years old but those youngsters are sent to the sales as yearlings to go straight into training. They are not physically or mentally equipped to cope with the stress involved and as a result a large proportion end up injured or do not even

This is a shameful way to treat the magnificent thoroughbred breed. If owners can lay out large sums for yearlings then they can well afford to keep them until they are old enough to do the job.

Raising the minimum racing age to at least four years would continue the breed. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL J. EATON, 4 Charlotte Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

No end to killing From Mr Gerald A. Prince Sir, On one sports page (May 30) you described the terrible slaughter of birds that takes place in Italy ewhat I read but, unable to do anything about it at that instant, turned for solace to

another of the sports pages.
The first headline to attract end to the slaughter? Yours faithfully, GERALD A. PRINCE,

St Laurence, 13 Bazehill Road,

Brighton, East Sussex.

Rottingdean.

What's in a name? From Mr Robert White Sir, Why do golf clubs, es pecially new ones, bother to name the holes on their course? I have never, in 40 years of playing golf, heard anyone say "I got a birdie at Dingly Dell" or "I dropped a shot at Twa

I suppose the Japanese and Americans have come to expect it. Yours faithfully. Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland.

Despicably treated Hard on the ear From Mr George F. Balfour Sir, I would like to thank Alan Sir, Mr Abeles (Sports Letters, May 31) raises the subject of the Lee, your cricket correspondent, Gower (June 2). Seldom in the long annals of pronunciation of golfers' names. There are two top-class Americans, Scott Hoch and Gary Koch, whose names apparbeen so despicably treated by so ently rhyme with soak. One wonders whether they

share an appreciation of the

music of Johann Schestian

Yours faithfully, GEORGE F. BALFOUR 3 Budd's Close, Businestoke, Hampshire,

BASKETBALL

Detroit led to victory by Thomas

AUBURN Hills, Michigan (Reuter) - Isiah Thomas score 14 points in five minutes of the fourth quarter to lead the De-troit Pistons to a 105-99 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers in the opening same of the National Basketball Association championship series on Tuesday. Portland held a 90-80 lead

with a little more than seven minutes remaining in the game, but the Pistons, the defending champions, recovered, acoring 25 points to Portland's nine before the end. Thomas hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 94, followed with another jump shot, and then

scored three more points to give Detroit a 99-94 lead with Imin 49sec left.
The second game of the bestof-seven series will be played in Detroit, and the following three

games are scheduled for Portland. Namath's visit

JOE Namath, the former New York Jets quarterback, will be among a party of past and present National Football League American football play-ers who are flying to Britain next ers who are trying to Britain next week. The Gatorade-sponsored party will visit Manchester (June 13), Edinburgh (June 14), Glasgow (June 15), Birmingham (June 16), Southampton and Brighton (June 18) and London (June 19).



Scotland capture **Baddeley from** the England camp

most successful men's single player since the war, is retiring immediately to take up the post of national director of coaching and development in Scotland. This is a coup for the Scots and a double blow for the English, who are simultaneously losing a leading player and a man they had been considering appointthe forthcoming weeks.

Baddeley became European champion only six weeks ago, achieved the record number of England caps during the same tournament and is only 29. But reaching those career pinnacles has helped to persuade this astute, articulate and respected man that be can only go downwards from here and this is a good time to get out.

"Somehow winning the Europeans seemed to crystallise everything," Baddeley said. "It was tempting to go on to the Olympics and I shall miss competing. But I feel it best to stop at the top. And I shall be too burn to be looking best and too busy to be looking back and regretting. This will be a most I'm looking forward to it." His retirement had been half-

expected. His employment in Scotland had not. The appoint-ment is a tribute to the negotiat-ing skills of Anne Smillie, who has just been promoted to chief executive, and also to the job's potential. It may further reflect upon England's problems in financing their team manager's job and their difficulties in making an immediate

fascinating aspects - the improvement of a national squad to a standard where it can start to compete with the best in Europe, and the further dev-elopment of the grass-root level of a game that is already popular

Scotland, at Glasgow in 1992 with a sponsorship from Pil-kingtons, said to be one of the biggest in the history of the game. By contrast England will now have to plug a gap in the team for next year's world championships in Copenhagen, as well as look further afield for

Changes poised to spark revolution

taken at the recent congress of the International Skating Union in Christchurch, New Zealand, seem certain to transform the sport. Put simply, skaters in training for amateur com-petition can, from now on and provided their national associations approve, teach for money and also sign contracts to per-form with ice shows.

This ability to earn money while preparing for national and attract more skaters into com-

petition and, more important, retain them in the sport longer. For decades, figure skating has been the only sport which in the same breath hailed its new champions and bade them adieu. The acquisition of a immediate departure into ice extravaganzas, in part to recoup money lavished on training but also to cash in while the title was

Robin Cousins is an example of a competitor who was forced to quit amateur competition while he was at his peak. His training bills obliged him to do

Others — and the splendid Swiss, Denise Biellmann, was a good example — ended their fully developed.

Spared this scramble into the naid ranks were the state-backed Soviet skaters and others from Eastern European countries, who were able to stay in competition and mature, both to their and the sport's benefit. Katarina Witt and the allconquering pair, Irina Rodnina and Aleksandr Zaitsev, are examples of skaters who had the freedom to take their talent to

The Christchurch congress has courageously done much to stem this haemorrhage from the amateur (ie, competitive) ranks. With figures now scrapped, appointment.
Baddeley will now cut his executive and administrative teeth in a role that has two

Both of these should be helped by the staging of the next European championships in

ICE SKATING

itors maturer, the scope for creative skating will also be greatly enhanced. Provided that training is not disrupted, there is a lot to be

disrupted, there is a lot to be said for skaters who are in competition teaching. Certainly the public would find it attractive, even if initially the established professional teachers might object. But as Courtney Jones, the president of the National Skating Association (NSA), pointed out: "So many new ice rinks are opening that new ice rinks are opening that there will inevitably be a shortin the case of active compet-

itors, full contracts with ice shows would obviously not be approved, though guest appearances and short periods with smaller shows, such as, in this Towers or Bournemouth, would is novel is that top show-skaters could now return to, say, an Olympics. Andrew Naylor, who, with his

partner, Cheryl Peake, is a national pairs champion, said before leaving for five weeks' training in Leningrad: "Any other source of revenue is always welcome and would solve so many problems, es pecially for skaters in this country. Since most of us skate full-time there would be ample

Both he and Steven Cousins the national men's champion were also enthusiastic ove another ISU decision, to allow competitors to wear sponsor logos, to a maximum of 15 square centimetres, on their ciothing Cousins, from Deside, is supported by Rappell Engineering, a local electrical switchgear manufacturer.

How these logos will clash with those for State Electric (the Electricity Council is the sport's main prop in Britain) will also need to be worked out by the NSA when its council member meet later this month to evaldance rules relaxed and compet-

CRICKET

Friars win in final over

By George Chesterton

IN THE first-round matches in the Cricketer Cup, Old Alleynians were the only team to score more than 200. They set Old Whitgiftians 258 to win and ere successful by 92 runs. With rain about, three

matches were postponed and many were played over reduced overs. The greatest excitement came at Lancing where Charter-house Friars needed eight runs from the last over, with nine wickets down, to achieve a target of 142.

Bovil, the Charterhouse No. 10, struck the second ball straight for six and two singles then proved sufficient.

Downside Wanderers won by six wickets against Old Amplefordians, and Layton, returning after serious injury, made a match-winning 62 for

Bradfield Wais against Stowe A steady innings of \$3 by David Price at Malvern enabled

the home side to beat Old Wykehamists while Hodgson and McMillan helped lift Oundle Rovers, the holders, from 36 for five to 189, which proved too many for Radley

proved too many for Radley Rangers.

SCORES: Old Wellingtonisms 175. St. Schemat's Martym 175-4; Ventum Planta.

157, Strewesbury Saracers 158-5; Old Westminsters 117, Uppingham Rovers.

120-1; Rugby Meteors 174-7. Old Englishers 118, Old Williams 180-5; Old Williams 189, Radfold Wells 162-5; Cld Cityonisms 189, Radfold Wells 162-5; Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, servough Bluss 186, Cld Cityonisms 184-6, Cld Cityoni

Beckhampton team celebrates second glorious Derby victory in space of four days

Quest For Fame scales heights

By MICHAEL SEELY RACING CORRESPONDENT

PAT Eddery continued to dominate the classic scene at a blustery Epsom yesterday when adding the Ever Ready Derby with Quest For Fame to the laurels he had already won for Roger Charlton and Khaled Abdulla at Chantilly on Sunday.

Riding with the consummate coolness and confidence that has always been the champion jockey's particular hallmark, Eddery took Quest For Fame to the front two furlongs from home. The 7-1 winner stormed clear to beat the strong-finishing Blue Stag by three lengths with Elmsamul 1½ lengths away,

Displaying every facet of his many-sided talents, Eddery had ridden a totally different race to that on Sanglamore on Sunday. "I rode Sanglamore to get the trip, so I held him up. But I was sure that Quest For Fame would stay, so I kicked on a long way out."

What a marvellous moment

of triumph did this represent for Abdulla, as his 12- year dreams of turf glory have been translated into glorious reality with his two home-bred Derby winners in the space of four

days. Besides the Arabian banker, Chariton and Eddery were also becoming only the second owner, trainer and jockey to land the Epsom-Chantilly Derby double, the feat having been previously achieved by Marcel Boussac, Charles Semblat and Rac Johnstone 40 years ago with Galcador and Scratch IL

The story of the race is easily told. Treble Eight went into the lead after a furlong and made all the running until Quest For Fame cruised to the front a quarter of a mile from

Let Eddery tell the story of his third Derby win. "They went very quickly for the first two furiones and then slowed it down. I was soon well placed and went to the front a long way out to use his stamina. He quickened magnificiently all the way to the line and is a very good racehorse. I had been worried about the going, but it wasn't too bad and he acted well in

Tributes to Quest For Fame's obviously outstanding merit came from both Cash Asmussen, the jockey on Blue Stag, and Elmaamul's rider, Willie Carson.

Jockeys' verdict on big race

PAT EDDERY (Quest For

Fame): He must be the easiest

of my three Derby winners.

They went really fast early on

then slowed up. I could not believe how well Quest For

Fame was going on the turn

for home. He lengthened his

stride and quickened up the

final hill like only a good horse

can. I was worried that the

ground might get a little too

soft, but luckily the rain held

off long enough. This horse

and Sangiamore are just about

the same, but I knew Quest

For Fame would stay the

CASH ASMUSSEN (Blue

Stag): We had a good run up

the rails and made up five

lengths from Tattenham Cor-

ner to the two-furlong marker.

From there my horse was

hanging a bit and Pat's horse

was too good for me. It was a

pity the winner was in the

WILLIE CARSON (Emaa-

mul): At Tattenham Corner, I

knew he was going to run a big

race but Pat was going too well for me. I was hoping Pat

would stop. If Elmaamul had

stayed, I would have been

MICHAEL ROBERTS

(Kaheel): We were always in a

nice position and had a lovely

run up under the fence. He ran

well but is still very

BRIAN ROUSE (Karinga

Bay): He needs top of the

inexperienced.



Quest For Fame and Pat Eddery powering clear to an emphatic three-length Derby triumph at Epsom time. "It all started when

Humphrey Cottrill introduced

Classic service from The Times

Manderin (Michael Phillips) and Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, both napped 7-1 Derby winner Quest For Fame in The Times yesterday. Jack Waterman, in his statis-

tical preview, also pinpointed Quest For Fame and correctly forecast the 1-2-3 by nominating the runner-up spot, Asmussen said: "Normally I wouldn't have lain so far out of my ground. But I knew they were mainly a field of non-stayers.

But as it was Quest For Fame

had too much speed."
Similarly, Carson, after
Elmaamul had looked the only possible danger to the winner when racing in second place a furlong from home, said: "He was just too good for us. But we'd still have finished aecond if we'd staved.

Both Zoman and Linamix failed mainly through lack of stamina, finishing seventh

Asmussen: pity

winner was in the rate

ground and a right-handed track to show his best. I was

always struggling to hold my

RAY COCHRANE (Duke Of

Paducah): He ran a good race but needs faster ground and

(Zoman): Everything went right. We were in the right

place at the right time, track-

ing Quest For Fame, but he

BRUCE RAYMOND (Treble

Eight): He just did not stay but

is getting more manageable. He ran a similar race to the

one he ran in Italy and was

beaten about the same

probably didn't stay.

wants 10 furlongs anyway.

RICHARD

Blue Stag as the danger and Elmaamul for a place. The tricast paid £302.94 to a £1

a three-out-of-three classic map treble following Salasbil (6-4) in the 1,000 Guineas and Tirol (9-1) in the 2,000 Guineas. and ninth respectively.

Razeem, the 9-2 favourite, proved a bitter disappointment for Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen. "He went well enough until halfway, but then just cut out," said the jockey. Quest For Fame, of course, was compensating Abdulla for his bad luck with Dancing Brave in 1986. "I've forgotten about that now," he said. "But

it's certainly a marvellous feeling to have bred two Derby winners within four days." What an extraordinary tale of achievement has been

(Linamix): I had a good race,

but my horse stopped coming

down the hill and changed his

legs. I did not push him hard

afterwards. I like Epsom, but

the horse did not. The next

time I ride in the Derby I want

MICHAEL HILLS (Mission-

ary Ridge): We travelled well

down the hill, upsides the

winner, but he could not

handle the dead ground. He

WALTER SWINBURN (Di-

pression): We broke well from the gates and then he seemed

to get very nervous when

among horses. He didn't enjoy

coming down the hill and

certainly didn't give me the

same feel as when I rode him

ALAN MUNRO (Sober Mind): I had a great first ride but he never found his gears.

He was always struggling but

ran on strongly past a few

JOHN WILLIAMS (Book-

case): No problems. I had a

nice run throughout the race,

but his inexperience found

(Razeen): I was in a perfect

position tracking Pat at the top of the hill and travelling

well. I was thinking to myself

this is great. But coming down Tattenham Hill, I could feel

him go underneath me and

CAUTHEN

him out and he got tired.

homes at the death.

STEVE

to ride an English horse.

really likes it fast.

me to Jeremy Tree," he said. "I'll aiways be grateful to Jeremy for being my foundation trainer". Known Fact, winner of the 1980 2,000 Guineas on the disqualification of Nureyev,

and the following autumn, Rainbow Quest, Quest For Fame's sire, was awarded the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on the disqualification of Sagace. Despite Dancing Brave's defeat in the 1986 Derby, the

subsequent Arc winner had been acclaimed as the champion racehorse of the eighties. Warning and Rousillon have been other high-class pink, green and white colours

milers to have carried the and now Quest For Fame and Sanglamore appear to stand poised to reap an even richer harvest in the great middle-Abdulla's progress in a distance tests that lie head, comparatively short space of such as the Irish Derby, the distance tests that lie head,

Gerald Mosse: I'd like to

ride an English borse

knew this was not going to be

STEPHEN CRAINE (Bas-

tille Day): We came home all

right, but he didn't have the

MICHAEL KINANE (River

God): I had a nice ride round

but was never really going. He

was very inexperienced once

TONY CLARK (Aromatic):

He got a little bit upset at the

gates and was never racing. He

didn't want to do his job [as

PAT SHANAHAN (Mr

Brooks): He didn't see out the

distance and never got home.

Christopher Goulding

He ran like a miler.

cemaker] and I then just left

he came off the bridle.

my day.

him alone.

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Arc. Although Abdulla's army of

thoroughbreds includes 300 horses in training, breeding stock, and stud farms in Britain, Ireland and the United States, he operates with a lower profile and less extravagant spending at the yearling sales than the more profligate Maktoums.

Together with the Dubai brothers, Abdulla and the Aga Khan are the high rollers of European racing. Apart from Charlton, Guy Harwood, whose Digression finished eleventh yesterday, is the owner's other principal trainer in

Once again, the result of the

Derby proved that speed is no substitute for the stamina inherited from middle-distance pedigrees. And Charlton, at Beckhampton, is carrying on the patient policy of Tree in giving these late maturing animals time to develop their full strength.

Neither Sanglamore nor Quest For Fame have worked togther," said the trainer, "and since their previous runs

neither horse was galloped over more than six furlongs

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before their respective

 The Derby day crowd was year with 35,000 paying at the turnstiles, 1,500 less than in 1989. The major part of the shortfall was in the outer enclosures where there is no protection from the bad weather which

Charlton quick to give Tree credit

By George RAE

over from Jeremy Tree at Beckhampton, the historic training centre in Wiltshire, earlier this year he made certain he would not stand accreed. he would not stand accused of over-confidence. "We have no obvious stars in the yard," he said then.

Now, with two Derby vic-tories in four days to his name, he may have cause to revise that

Chariton, aged 40, is a modest and relaxed man, but realistic enough to know that his remark-able triumphs are not entirely his own. Tree, to whom Charlton was assistant, shaped the early development of both Quest For Fame and Sunday's French Derby winner, Sanglamore, a fact which Charlton has unfailingly

Beckhampton, not for me," he said. "I cannot over-estimate how kind and helpful Jeremy has been to me. He has always been around but has never interfered. He has always let me go my own way." Indeed, Tree was the only

"This is a triumph

True to his understated nature, before, and even during the race, Charlton refused to believe that here was a Derby winner before his own eyes. "Certainly I was encouraged by Sang-lamore's win because I've al-

Fame to be of about the same ability," he said. "But it was hard to shake off the fear that Sanglamore had used up more than my share of luck Lightning doesn't often strike twice in the same place."

vays known him and Quest For

Now Charlton, barely two months into his first season, has the two best middle distance colts in Europe in his care. Both are owned by Khaled Abdulla which, for the impartial observer, raises the disappointing spectre that they are unlikely to

That, though, is an argument for another day. For now Chariton is entitled to savour

ROWING

Heavyweights growing in stature

THE British men's heavyweight squad follow their successful performances at Essen Regatta a formight ago with a trip to Brandenburg Regatta this weekend. The East German hosts will stage two senarate events on end. The East German hosts will stage two separate events on Saturday and Sunday, and teams from the Soviet Union, Italy and other Eastern Euro-pean countries will join the opposition that was in action at

Two fours which won medals at Essen will spearhead the British entry. The coxless combination of Foster, Pinsent, Mulkerrins and Cross, which took gold, and the coned crew of Dillon, Stewart, Obholzer, Walker and Thomas, the cux. won a silver, are likely to have extra opposition, in the form of the East German world champions, at Brandenburg. These crews will split into

coxiess pairs on one day at Brandenburg, but they will not have the opportunity to race

Simon Berresford, last year's silver medal winners in Bled, as they have withdrawn from the Brandenburg event.

Berresford has been unflering from a recurrence of back trouble since Ghent and the pair have had limited training.

not ready to race. Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, agreed that they are not going well enough to compete and said: "The pressure is

Singfield, who won the coxless pair gold medal in Essen, will be joined by Jogathan Scarle and Richard Phelps in a new coxless four for Brandenburg. This quartet of relative youngsters was the stern four in the bronze medal eight in Bied, and with Scarle back after final examinations at Oxford, should be worth

year's beavyweight squad means that in addition to the fours an experienced eight will be on show. Henderson, who was not over-impressive in Ghent, will be given another contest in the sculls. Pooley, who beat Henderson in Belgium, is absent due to academic pressures.
Nearer to home, the Docklands Regatin has received 600 entries for its events on Saturday and Sunday. An international flavour is added with

Capacities are cut THE leading Welsh rugby union clubs. Pontypridd and Bridgend, have had their ground capacities cut by Mid Glamorgan County Council. Until Pontypridd carry out £60,000 worth of repair work, their capacity will be 6.850, instead of last season's 10,400. Bridgend are still to be told of their reduction.

three veteran crews from Lenin-grad and one crew from Gibral-

CANCEING

THE first marathon grand prix of the world championship sea-son will be in Amsterdam on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes). The Great Britain team includes the Canadian class world champions, Steve and Andy Train, as well as the world silver medal-winners, the world silver inecar-winners, Ivan Lawler and Graham Burns, However, it will be without Anne Plant, unbeaten from 1982 to 1988, who has retired.

recall of Sandra Troop, of Nottingham, who will join Alison Thorogood in the women's doubles competition. The 42km route starts and finishes on the Bospaan regatta course, 20 min-utes south of Amsterdam.

Duncan Blythe, the silver medal-winner at last year's world cup competition, failed to make the British team for this event and has paid his own entry.

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By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

Redgrave admits that they are

on." The pairs competition is also likely so include the East German world champions. Jonathan Hulls and Jonathan

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TWO years ago, the American owner Peter Brant saw his colours carried to victory in the Hanson Coronation Cup at Epsom by Triptych, having paid \$3,400,000 for that fine mare the previous the winter at the Alan Clore dispersal sale in the United States.

(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

Now, following that impressive victory in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket a fraction under five weeks ago, Brant must be hopeful of seeing Roseate Tern, another of his expensive purchases, do likewise on the famous downs

Roseate Tern became his

Roseate Tern for Brant encore she had won the Lancashire that form, bearing in mind the from her elder half-brother challenger for the Stanley that after finishing third behind Aliysa and Snow Bride in the Epsom fillies' classic.

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Tern always wore a pair of blinkers when she raced. To Derby because his subsequent dispense with them this sea-effort against Nashwan at son was a brave thing to do but Luca Cumani, who took seven lengths behind, was over her training from Dick much more impressive. Hern after the sale, was thoroughly vindicated.

Last year, Roseate Tern did not look an easy ride on occasions. At Newmarket, though, she could not have raced more sweetly than she did for Lanfranco Dettori. There was much to like about the way that she quickened her

gives Roseate Tern the beating of Cacoethes now,

I am bound to say, though, As a three-year-old Roseate that Cacoethes might not have been at his best in last year's Ascot, where Top Class was

Unlike Roseate Tern, Cacoethes made a disappointing start to his four-year-old career at Goodwood where he finished only fourth behind Relief Pilcher, Observation Post and Charmer, beaten a total of 41/2 lengths. At least he will be meeting Observation Post on 9lb better terms today. While that will certainly help his cause, a lot of rain would not.

at Saint-Cloud.

In the opening event, the Arc Claiming Stakes, Curnani

It is rare for equine brothers and sisters to compete against one another. However, Ro-

Oaks and the Yorkshire Oaks, weight-for-sex allowance, son Bey, who began his cam- Wootton Handicap, Night At paign by finishing third in the Sea, could be at a dis-Prix Ganay at Longchamp.

On that occasion he was 21/2 lengths behind the second horse, In The Wings, the furlong shute. challenger from Andre Fabre's Chantilly stable this after-

Having once chipped a bone in his knee, In The Wings is likely to welcome some cut in the ground, especially when racing downhill.

Further international flavour is provided by the presence of the crack German four-year-old Mondrian. His limitations were exposed last time out when he finished last in the Prix Jean de Chaudenay

and Dettori can derive confidence by winning with Westgate Rock.

But along with Deceit, their

3.5 STANLEY WOOTTON HANDICAP (S-Y-O: £7,351: 5f) (15 runners) (

the stalls have been placed on the stand side of the five-When that happens those drawn high are normally favoured. So I am looking to the winner to come from a group comprising Rivers Rhapsody, Anytime Anywhere and Ran-

advantage drawn low now that

cho Mirage. As the first two have been handicapped strictly on their Chester run, Rancho Mirage is preferred. Today's nap is reserved for the consistent but so far luckless Lucky Quest to finally break his duck with a victory in the Nightingall Maiden Stakes, having been beaten only a neck by the useful

Middle Kingdom at Haydock last time. Blinkered first time EPSOM: 2.35 Don't Give Up. 4.15 Walks

Roberts has flying start on Sylva Honda



Sylva Honda sparks a double for Michael Roberts by landing the Woodcote Stakes

Eton Lad confirms liking for Epsom's undulations

ETON Lad yesterday returned cuts up. But we have lots of to Epsom, the scene of his sole alternatives." previous triumph, to land a greater prize, the group three Diomed Stakes.

On his earlier visit in April he had made all the running to win the Blue Riband Trial, and the jockey Cash Asmussen again opted to have the colt prominent throughout.
Once Asmussen had Eton Lad

racing on the faster ground up the inside rail, the Never So Bold colt soon asserted his authority and was able to hold off the fast-finishing Landyap by half a length with Filia Ardross another length and a half away

"This is a decent horse," leville Callaghan, the winning trainer, said. "He is in plenty of good races including the Jersey Stakes and the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

"We still have some thinking to do though," he continued. "The Jersey Stakes could be a bit short at seven furlongs and the St James's Palace really well off the pace to beat Joe depends on whether the race Sugden by a head.

By GEORGE RAE

Another bound for Royal Ascot is Sylva Honda, who is likely to tackle the Coventry Stakes after a clear-cut win in the Silver Seal Stakes. However, trainer Clive

Brittain will be hoping Sylva Honda has a happier time than on his last visit to the Berkshire course last month when he finished fourth of six to Generous. "He jumped a path and came home quite badly jarred up." Brittain said. "We gave him plenty of swimming and he

came here today a fit horse." Brittain's belief was readily stiffed. Always up with the leaders. Sylva Honda held off Level Xing by 21/2 lengths.

Roberts went on to complete a double with Miami Banker in the Night Rider Handicap.

The victory was in total contrast to his win on Sylva Honda, this time coming from

"He is in the Wokingham at Ascot," said Peter Arthur, the winning trainer, "but Michael is not certain he will get the stiff six furlongs there.

"I disagree but, more importantly, he needs some give in the ground. The rain came just in time for us here and the question of him going to Ascot will be decided largely by the neather." weather.

The victory took Roberts to the 32-winner mark for the season, but it was impossible not to sympathise with the runner-up, who has now finished in the first three, but without winning, on each of his last six starts.

Cacoethes doubt

CACOFTHES is doubtful for this afternoon's Hanson Coronation Cup because of the ground. Yesterday trainer Guy Harwood said that the four-year-old was a very unlikely the going to good to soft.

yard who has avoided the cough that has virtually halted opera-

tions at France's premier stable.

De Rien, hails from a much

smaller operation, that of Myriam Bollack-Badel, and will

be partnered by her husband of a

Henry Cecil's Rafha, a pony-sized filly who won the Lingfield

month, Alain Badel.

Her main market rival. Air

Moon Cactus looks Epsom-bound

HENRY Cecil worked his entered for Sunday's French Epsom Oaks candidate Moon Cactus at Newmarket yesterday, Hermes at Chantilly, and her Cactus at Newmarket yesterday, and the filly is now likely to be in the classic line-up on

Saturday. On arrival at Epsom yesterday, Cecil said: Cactus worked well and there is good chance she will run, but a inal decision will be made by Sheikh Mohammed. *

Ladbrokes have temporarily asmended betting on the Oaks until they have a better idea of the likely field.
Salsabil, the winner of the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket

ast month, also looks a definite John Dunlop's filly is also

connections had even taken the precaution of arranging trans-port from her stable at Arundel to the French course.
But Dunlop said yesterday:

"Salsabil is 99 per cent certain to run at Epsom. We only need to see what the ground is riding like at Epsom before confirming the decision."
Pat Eddery teams up with the

Houseproud, the winner of the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches earlier this season, is one of the

Khaled Abdulla-owned filly Houseproud in the Chantilly

Oaks Trial, could be the sole English representative. There were 23 fillies left in at

yesterday's forfeit stage, but that number will be increased by one today as Daniel Wildenstein will supplement Souveraine Bleue, a six-length winner of her only

Yesterday's afternoon results

Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £23,074.45 carried forward to Epsom today)

Yarmouth

2.0 (6)) 1. FLIGHT OF PLEASURE (L. Detton, 10-1); 2. Brown Feiby (G Baxter, 7-4); 3. Nilar (L. Newton, 16-1); ALSO RAN: 4.7 Fav Ch'ef Ornament (4th), 4 ran. 15-1, 11, 5-1. B Hambury at Newmanics. Tota: 25-90, DF: 24.40. CSF: 22.50.

Epsom

Going: good to suft
2.15;60 1, SYLVA HONDA (M. Roberts,
7-1); 2, Level Xing (B. Rouse, 6-1); 3,
Capital Bond (J. Reid, 14-1). ALSO RAN:
15-8 fav Madegans Grey, 9-2 Foursingh,
19-2 Hatt A Tick (4th), 16 Village Pet, 33
Chyphambio, 66 Birling Ashes (6th),
Classics Peerl (5th), 10 ran. NR: Oeachy
Touch, 254, 34, nk, 5, 5, C British at
Newmarket, Totte: 29.40; 51.60, 51.70,
23.40, DF: 225.40, CSF: 242.51, 1min
11.1788C.
24 ftm 110vd) 1, ETON LAD (C

11.17sec.

2.45 (Im 110yd) 1, ETON LAD (C Asrussen, 12-1); 2, Landyup (B Rouse, 50-1); 3, Filiz Antivese (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3 few Magic Glean, 68th), 7-2 Mirror Black (4th), 7 Laxey Bay, Noble Patriarch, 14 Luzum, 25 Vague Shot (5th), 9 ran. ht. 1%, 11, 51, 41, N Callaghan at Newmarket, Tota; E11.70; 22.30, 28.30, 21.90, Df; 211.90, CSF; 2292.98. Time 43.37sec.

3.45 For result - see facing page 3.45 For result - see facing page 4.40 (5f) 1, MEARH BANKER (M Roberts, 9-1); 2. Joe Sugden (M Newnes, 8-1); 3, Possy Foot (G Dutfield, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Inv Jondeloo Boy (4h), 6 Love Legend, 8 Princess Casnison, 9 Ferra, 11 Marrola's Pet, 14 Fendor Dancer, 25 Ski Captain (8h), 33 Super Zoom, Gellant Hope, Grand Ptt, Farmer Jock, (5th), 14 rah. Hd, 2h1, rit. ½1, nt. P Arthur at Aston Tirrold. Tota: £15.40: £3.20, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £38.50. CSF: £71.51. Tricast: £388.24. DF: £4.40. CSF: £28.08.
2.30 (8f) 1, DUCK HANDS (N Day, 7-1);
2. Alelaby Daya Li Quann, 20-1) 3, Tappet (N Hood, 13-8 tav), ALEO RAN: 11-2 Great Affair (5fh), 7 Kirby Opportunity (4th), 8 Petaw (6th), 9 Today's Fency, June Virginia, 40 Lintris. 9 ran. Ni, 11, 2Ni, nt, 51. M Tompkins at Newmarkst. Toda; £10.69; £1.80, £11.70, £1.30. DF: £28.60. CSF: £107.88. Bught in 8.300 guiness.
2.0 (fm 20 1, SWETTING RESEZE (5

56,22sec.
5.10 (Im. 2f) 1. 1. PRME TOP (R. Cochrane, 10-1); 2. Gran Alba (B. Rouse, 20-1); 3. Wassel Perf (M. Hills, 15-8 tav).
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Unknown Quantity 7
Algrift (4th), 15-2 Perite Rosenna, 14
Lapierre, 20 Evichstar (5th), Sky Conquerre (5th), Sno Seronado 33 Almanic Pete. 11 ran. 19.1, 5, 3, 71, 9.1, R. Alehurst st Whitcombe. Tota: 210.50; 22.50, 23.70, 21.50, DF: 273.40, GSF: 2155.90, Tricest: 9483.97, 2min 07.74sec. After a stewards

comer Chief Ornament started

the 7-4 on favourite, but was

never going well and finished last, with Franco Dettori taking up the running on Flight Of

CSF: Y107.89. BOUGHT IN 38UD GUINEBB.
3.0 (Im 2) 1, SHIFTING BREEZE (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2, Bottles (L. Newton, 15-6 fev); 3, Machitye (L. Dettori, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Reinbow Stripes (4th), 7 Showmership, 10 Hatheriah, 11 Setts Dancer (5th), 25 Rock Febs (6th), 8 ran, rk, 21, Tki, 5, %L T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 29.20; E2.80, \$1.40, 22.10. OF: \$12.90. CSF: \$21.61, Thouse, 5.00.53. 23.35 (1m 6f) 1, CREEAGER (S Turner, 4-1); 2, Western Dynasty (G Carter, 11-4 tay); 3, Northwold Star (Paul Eddery, 9-2). ALSO FIAN: 3 Class Act (4th), 8 Plausible £483.27. 2min 07.74sec. After a suswards' inquery the result stood.

Flight Of Pleasure at 10-1 FLIGHT Of Pleasure, whose Pleasure a furlong and a half out only previous outing was on to score by 11/2 lengths from

Brown Fairy.
Flight Of Pleasure is trained Southwell's all-weather fibresand surface last month, when she finished last of seven, at Newmarket by Ben Hanbury, sprang a 10-1 surprise when whose representative, Frank Crozier, explained: "She would beating three rivals in the Fritton Lake Maiden Fillies not face the kick-back of sand at Southwell and was slowly Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday. Sheikh Mohammed's new-

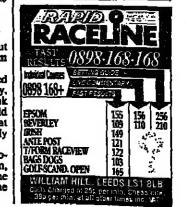
It was the stable's second twoyear-old winner of the season, Green Enterprise breaking the ice for the inveniles at the same

(6th), 16 Turmeric, Moon Reef (5th), 7 ran. 43, 21, 14, Md, 63, J Wharton et Melton Mowbray, Tota: 25.50; 22.90, 22.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £14.44. B.A5 (7) 1, SPORTING SBMON (G Bardwell, 4-1 fav); 2, Vantroy (S Wood, 8-1); 3, Nedra Aura (Dala Globon, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Sylvan Tempest, 8 South-ern Sty, 9 Profile; (Sin), 10 Bertle Wooster, 12 Soupon, 14 Herd To Figure (4th), 16 Green Dollar, 20 Dawn Success (8th), Al-Torfaren, 33 Soules, Sir Croon, 14 ren. NR: Lomax, Gretclo, Nk, 3l, 1l, nk, nk, B Millman at Calcompton, Tole: 25.00; 22.50, 23.50, 22.50, OF: E37.10, CSF: E38.34. Tricest: £184.72, 1min 23.91sec. £10.60. CSF: £14.44.
4.0 (1m) 1, GUAVERING (G Becter, 9-2);
2. Adsmit (N Prysn, 4-5 tav); Destoyevelty
(Paul Eddery, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 12
Blasfield Bay, 14 Cardinal Bird, Glowing
Praise, 20 Bartord Lad, Mulzanberg, 25-3
Bedouin Prince, 33 Clear Ugint, Distinct
Netwe, Good For A Loan (5th), Hindesharn
Harry, Les Sylohides, Buran (6th),
Derschef, Knikajoo, Mastomani (4th),
Whitspering Sea. 19 min. NR; Turkish Star.
274, 31, 41, 11, ah hd. J Gooden at
Newmarket, Tois: £5.70; £2.20, £1.50,
£2.10, DF: £4.40, CSF: £8.25.

4.30 (Im 3f 110yd) 1, CUM LAUDE (W Ryan, 9-2); 2, Pholina (G Carlor, 14-1); 3, Elmajernah (N Carlisle, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Wasnah (8h), 6 Golden Darting, 14 Bagar Island (4h), 33 Dreaming Soirea, Royal Mazz, Taribure, Viralai (5th), 50 Bonny Rose, Zaburrjed, 12 ran, 2, 15, 1, 31, 11, H Cacil at Newmarket, Tota: 25,90; 52.10, 52.00, 21,50. DF: £17.80. CSF; £51.82.

5.0 (6f) 1, HENRY WILL (J Farming, 11-2); 2, Sherp Times (A Spance, 2-1 p-fav); 3, La Bese Vie (N Kennedy, 2-1 p-fav); ALSO RAN: 13-2 Chendenne (5th), 10 Cresiteur, Marion Biolog (4th), 33 Zanoba (8th), Krby's Best. 8 ran. NR: La Grange Music, First Flush. 1%1, 11, 11, 11, 21. Teathurst at Middlefum. Tota: \$4,70; 21.40, \$1.10, \$2.10. DF: \$5.10. CSF: £16.82. Tricast: \$26.59. PLACEPOT: EASE, EQ.

Evening racing - page 43 OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engage-ments (dead): Morning Cry. Critical Times, Night Prince. Sunpsk Roy, Clevedon House, Shella's Dilemma, Brimto Pane-dey, Rougo, Larry's Bottle, Sunset Crussa.



property last December after pace to beat the race-fit Ile De had successfully bid Nisky, who had finished 1,100,000 guineas at the fourth in last year's Derby, a Tattersalls sales. mere half-length behind Caco-She had been sent there by ethes, who is one of Roseate her former owner and breeder, Tern's opponents now. Lord Carnarvon, for whom A strict interpretation of seate Tern faces a challenge EPSOM Selections By Mandasin By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Westgate Rock. 200 Odiler 2-35 Carmen's Joy. 3.05 Rancho Mirage. 3.45 Roseate Tern. 135 CARMEN'S JOY (pap). 3.05 Night At Sea. 3.45 Roseate Tern. .15 Campai. 4.15 Sockem. 4.50 LUCKY GUEST (nap). D 2.35 Carmen's Joy. 3.05 Rancho Mirage. 3.45 IN THE WINGS (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 CARMEN'S JOY. Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-0432 0000 TIMES 74 (CO.BF.F.Q.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 Record number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-feil. P-pulled up. U - unsected rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused. B-slipped up. R-refuse Draw: 51-71, high numbers best; 1m, 110yd, low numbers best 2.0 ARC CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,888; 1m 110yd) (17 runners) 101 (3) 6-603 BEAU ROU 15 (8) (P Goulandria) D Elsworth 9-2
102 (7) 5-0 WESTGATE ROCK 55 (R Gladdis) L Cumani 9-2
103 (16) 29-360 PACELTY LETTER 10 (G) (A Sheed) W Hagges 3-0
104 (1) 621-603 PLORIDA SECRET 9 (P, R Patrick) J Pearce 9-0
105 (17) 9- PRINCE OF DREAMS 209 (Mrs D Wetts) J O'Shee 9-0
106 (6) 8-45032 DANCOM BRIEDZE 12 (A Robins) Pat Milcried 8-11
107 (7) 15000-5 TRUE GEORGE 37 (CF) (T Lock) J Batheri 8-11
108 (6) 420 BIGHAYIR 234 (Mrs N Dutheld) B Millman 8-8 5 O'GORGER (5) 108 (5) 420- BIGHAYIR 234 (Mrs N Duffield) B Milman 8-8.

109 (5) 44100-5 COMPOS MENTIS 19 (E.F.) (3 Greenwood) R Holder 8-5.

110 (4) 9-696 LAMBTON LAD 12 (K Moorcroft) E Edin 8-5.

111 (10) 540-553 ODB.EX 23 (D.F.) (T Warner) M Jervis 8-5.

112 (11) 00-5005 RED VICTOR 18 (B) (W Walsca) R Johnson Houghton 8-5.

113 (14) 001 TERLAM 6 (7) (A Steins) B Handbury 8-6.

115 (12) 6-000 NORTHERN VILLAGE 16 (W Dove) S Dove 8-4.

2-1015 (12) 6-0000 NORTHERN VILLAGE 16 (W Dove) S Dove 8-4. 115 (13) 53-0003 BRADISCRE'S CLASSIC 8 (B) (T Bridy) M Haynes 8-1... 117 (15) 0000 SALIMANAR 24 (B) (J Wellers) G Lowis 8-1... BETTING: 4-1 Tislem, 9-2 Westpate Rock, 11-2 Odles, Facility Later, 8-1 Denoing Breeze, 10-1 others.

*888: SNO SEREMADE 8-11 Pat Eddery (6-1) R Boss 17 ran FORM: FOCUS BEAU ROLL and a men on well to get the better of Bounder Rowe by 3t in a Brighton (Im) select letter. TISLAM stayed on 2s 3rd to Militalda Lady (winner spekt eines) at Conditiond (Im, good to firm) latest. FLORIDA SECRET run on well to be '41 3rd to Candien's Rursom at Ledesster (Im 3t, good to firm) recently. In 1970 on reappearance has sound claims on 6%1 3rd to Lit And Load at Thirsk (Im, soft) lest season. Selection: AMAZAKE 2.35 STAFF INGHAM AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: E4,042: 61) (18 201 (B) 202 (11) 203 (7) 204 (2) 205 (13) | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cachesian | Cach 205 (14) 207 (5) FORM FOCUS DON'T GIVE UP has found file tough in better company since beating File tough in better company since beating Files 11/4) at Brighton (51 68yd, firm) in April.

CARBIEN'S JOY was impressive beating Dream of Tomorrow by 71 on the ell-weether at Southwell (57) last month. BEOY RIVER shaped with promise when its firm to Groombridge at Goodwood (61, good to Selection: CARBIEN'S JOY (51, good to firm) is the state. 1989: TRUE GEORGE 8-5 L Dettori (20-1) J Bethell 10 ran Course specialists TRAINERS Winners R 90.9 20.8 18.4 17.0 15.0 14.9 BEVERIEY Selections By Our Newmarket By Mandarin Correspondent 2.15 Simply Swell. 2.15 Galloway Raider. 2.45 — 3.20 Falcon's Domain. 3.55 Smooth Flight. 2.45 Sunday Sport Gem. 3.20 Dixton. 3.55 Young Jason. 4.25 Tyrone Bridge. 4.55 Miss Relsun. 25 Monastery. Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best 2.15 BRANTINGHAM HANDICAP STAKES (£2,385: 2m 40yd) (12 runners) (8) 9/20202- SPERTUALIST 782J (M Gibbon) Dr J Scargie 4-10-0.

(8) 000619- NORMERIST 1181 (S) (Mrs G Simpson) C Tinkler 4-9-7.

(10) 05-4084 CRICUIT HING 14 (V) (Linnaria Lid) P Cabver 4-9-6.

(3) 4209-0 TALL MEASURE 24 (V,F) (Mrs J Johns Ft Lee 4-9-3.

(2) 4-03529 SBRPLY SWELL 23 (Mrs M Watt) John FtzGerald 4-9-1.

(7) 90-0074 TONGADIN 16 (Cr. G.S.) (G Linder) M CYkoli 4-9-1.

(4) 50-024 FVE GOTTA TELL YA 17 (F) (Mrs G Rees) J Wilson 4-9-1.

(11) 002652 GALLOWAY RAIDER 10 (D.G) (J Blanchi) Dennys Smith 6-8-10.

(2) 5480-4 GAZZYNAZ 6 (San Rectional Lid) S Norton 4-8-8.

(3) 00000 GAMPO 14 (Miss A Camplon) D Chapman 5-7-12. W Ryan M Birch Seinburn WR Swinburn R Lappin (5) R HEV D Nicholis (5)
M Wighern BETTING: 3-1 Gelloway Raider, 7-2 Tongadin, 4-1 Normhurst, 6-1 Simply Swell, I've Gotta Tell Ya, 8-1, 12ymaz, Spirituelist, 10-1 Bayford Energy 12-1 others.

1989: LADY WESTOWN 5-7-8 A Proud (109-30 tav) R Holder 10 ran 245 ETTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,511: 5f) (14 runners) J Canoli D Nicholis K Darley P Barks 51 GORBNEKY 25 (F) (W Robertson) J Berry 9-4. M Wigham _ J Fortune (5) 6 TENDER DANCER & (M Brittain) M Britrain 8-11

004 WATTO 31 (Wentdale Const Ltd) Ronald Thompson 8-11

0 DAAZAM 16 (D Gibbon) Ronald Thompson 8-6

FOR PETE'S SAKE (P Heap) J Enterington 8-6

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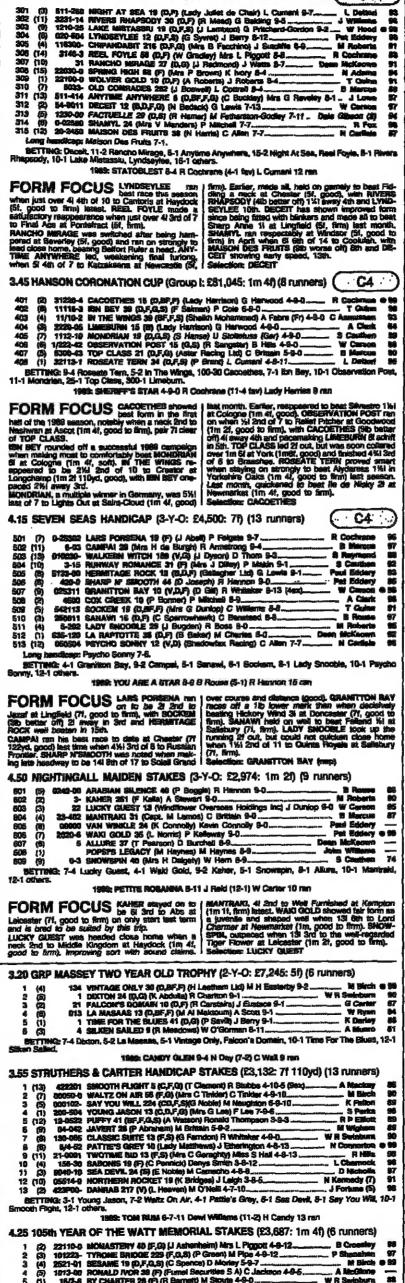
4 LISALEE 19 (Mrs G Spink) J Parkes 8-6

LICK'S CHANGED 40 (D Busines) N W Easterby 8-6

MISS NEASURE (G Clark) M W Easterby 8-6

MISS PRO VISION 16 (C Hunter Ltd) A Robson 8-8

SLREDAY SPORT GEM 12 (GF) (Rokhvale Ltd) J Berry 8-5 _ M Birch W Ryan ... L Chemock --BETTING: 11-4 Sunday Sport Gern, 100-30 Joe Blow, 9-2 Gorinsky, 8-1 Dazaam, 8-1 Tender Dancer, 10-Panama Pete, 1989: ESCAPE TALK 8-6 M Wighem (10-1) Mrs J Ramsden 12 ran Course specialists Rides Per cent 91 17.6 57 17.5 36 13.9 304 12.2 82 11.0 84 10.7 TRAINERS H Per cent 40.0 25.4 15.2 13.5 12.9 12.2 W Plyan W R Swinbu J Fortune M Birch G Carter J Bleasdale



Long handless: Psycho Sonny 7-6.

SETTING: 4-1 Graniton Say, 9-2 Campai, 5-1 Sanavi, 6-1 Sockem, 8-1 Lady Snooble, 10-1 Psycho Sonny, 12-1 others. FORM FOCUS LARS PORSENA run of the 2 2nd to 4.50 MIGHTINGALL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,974: 1m 2f) (9 runners) FORM FOCUS KAHER easyed on to be 68 3rd to Abs at Leicester (7f., good to firm) on only start text term and is ared to be suited by this trip.

LUCKY GUEST was headed close home when a neck 2nd to Middle Kingdom at Haydock (1m 4f., good to firm). Improving sort with sound claims.

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England's revival under examination

Since the demise of Gower,

land captain was specifically unavailable to the Press.

players they can call upon."

play. If Atherton's leg breaks

are to be given some exposure, this means that England, for a

change, will be fielding an old-

fashioned, balanced attack. If

Chris Lewis fails the last in a

wearying series of fitness tests, England will also not be

completely embarrassed un-

less another of their bowlers

also breaks down.

ENGLAND last won a Test series at home five years ago. The strife and suffering in the played in the final Test of last ranks since then make it seem summer. Six of New Zealand's much longer. The public is 12 survive from their victory, rightly impatient and will doubtless treat the stunning advances credited to the winadvances credited to the win-catchphrases is "we never look ter Caribbean tour with a back" and it was easy to disbelieving scorn if things go wrong over the coming five days at Trent Bridge.

Denigrating New Zealand is the manager has regained the a traditional temptation and, power of speech; Gooch, like even if the England players Gatting before him, is happy avoid it when the three-match for Stewart to handle public Cornhill series begins today, the average cricket follower will not. England will be expected to win and the anticipation may be the heaviest cross they have to bear.

The fact of the matter is that New Zealand are a competent side with a peppering of the highest quality. For a gauge of their ability, look no further than their Test results last winter. They won a series against India and then de-feated Australia by nine wickets, the sort of result England were never in a position to contemplate during the indignities of last summer.

Then, of course, England's team was infected with failure and disorientated by constant change. David Gower's apparently charismatic pairing with Ted Dexter was no more than a mirage, for the captain was unimpressive and, as it turned out, unwanted. The so-called fresh start was nothing of the kind and it was not until the West Indian tour party was chosen, with specific aims in mind, that anything altered.

Primary among those aims was ridding the dressing-room of an atmosphere which persistent poor results had engendered. There were various ways of approaching this but Dexter, the chairman of the England committee, and Micky Stewart, his manager, decreed that Ian Botham and David Gower must go. The new captain, Graham Gooch, was not even given the option. Their nominations were scratched before Gooch was allowed his say.

In a sense, it worked, not only because Gooch was able to create his own, highly motivated identity within a side devoid of cynical old lags, but because Gower and Botham determined to prove that this description did not apply to them. How hard it will be for them was reiterated, perhaps consciously, by Stewart yesterday.

If you come second too many times it does have an adverse effect in the dressingroom." he said. "The good thing from our point of view is that this group has not suf-



Feeling the strain: Gooch, the England captain, does not spare himself as he leads his

TEST CAREER RECORDS

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Hemmings's presence will at least help in one respect. The England team has been reminded of the Test and County Cricket Board's efforts to persuade the rest of the world that 90 overs a day is an acceptable minimum for Test cricket. The board was morti-fied when England dropped to 11 an hour in the Caribbean and there have been strong

Rain keeps

Hutton

waiting

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first

day of three; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 53 for one wicket against Yorkshire

WHETHER Tunbridge Wells week is brought forward, moved back or simply left alone, it

invariably rains. Yesterday there were a mere

16 overs to set before Sir Leonard Hutton, Yorkshire's president, who was on the loveliest of grounds for the first

me. No county is in need of

interrupted cricket more than

Yorkshire, who have not won a championship match since last

championship match since tast July. They have lost 11 of the 14 matches they have played since

After 35 minutes' play, Kent having won the toss and begun at a brisk rate, they were off for bad light. They returned, but only just before the rain started.

One wicket fell, that of Hinks,

New Zealanders like Test venue

By SIMON WILDE

Benson offers his

perfect support

By TONY WINLAW

NORTHAMPTON (first day of eight overs. Thomas dismissed

WHICH team should be regarded as the underdog in the first Test match starting at Trent Bridge, Nottingham today is not easy to establish, although on the face of it, there should be no

England has a population 20 England has a population 20 times greater, a largely professional game as against a largely amateur one and did not taste defeat in international matches between the countries for 48 years up to 1978.

But New Zealand won the last time the teams met at Trent

time the teams met at Trent Bridge, in 1986, although this is also the ground where England last beat New Zealand in any

matches ago. The New Zealanders may feel that they have the greater affin-

three; Northamptonshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 210 for six wickets against Northamptonshire

BATTING was generally hard

work here and there was no play after tea because of rain, but this

was a day of achievement for Justin Benson, aged 23, who entered with Leicestershire 83

for four and, in completing his maiden championship half-cen-tury, reaching 57 not out at the close, played the principal part

in a worthy recovery.

Benson, in his third season,

gained his chance in the county team on David Gower's depar-ture, and last month, at the Parks, he scored 94 against Oxford. However, this was his highest charming the part and

nighest championship score and he and Benjamin enjoyed a flowing sixth-wicket partnership

nowing sixth-wicket parmership of 70 runs in 14 overs.

Benjamin drove aggressively, including one long straight six over the sightscreen, before being besten for pace and bowled by Capel.

not play a Test in Nottingham until 1969, the place has no associations with the regular and heavy defeats of earlier years, and in the 1973 match their cricketers finally showed they could become an international force.

After being bowled out for 97 in the first innings, New Zealand were set 479 to win. The customary thrashing seemed certain, instead, Congdon, the captain, and Pollard both batted for almost seven hours and, with only five wickets down, their team was within 77 of victory. In the end, a relieved England got home by 38 runs.

Above all, though, New Zealand can take heart from the fact

land can take beart from the fact that Trent Bridge is a second

both openers, Boon and Briers, and, with Ambrose likewise

and, with Ambrose likewise bowling a fast, good length, batting looked a formidable task on a duli, overcast, day.

However, playing with his head down and with application has always been a feature of Willey's batting and, now returned to his former county ground, he frustrated North-

and push down to the third man boundary. He and Whitaker added 68 runs in 24 overs before both departed just before lunch.

Willey was well caught, low down on the leg side by Noon, and his dismissal confirmed the high promise shown by the wicketkeeper. After lunch, Noon held another catch down

the leg side off Ambrose to dismiss Potter.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First finnings Boon c Capel b Thomas E Briers b Thomas Whitaker c N G B Cook b Penberthy

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Total (6 wids, 65 overs) _____210 J P Agnew, A D Mutelly and D J Milins to

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-13, 3-61, 4-83, 5-112, 6-182.

run revival By JACK BAILEY BASINGSTOKE (first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 83 for

selectors

must mark

in Waugh

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

to raise his season's average to 101.3. Waugh, who was the Sheffield Shield cricketer of the

Sheffield Shield cricketer of the year in the last Australian season, arrived at the crease with Essex in disarray, Stephenson having been bowled for a single and Adam Seymour on the way to hospital with a broken hand.

Wangh soon made it look a different game and, although Prichard fell to the first ball after tunch. Hardie proved an eff-

lunch, Hardie proved an eff-ective partner as Waugh reached

his hundred from 134 balls. Wangh hit two sixes and 20 fours in an innings lasting 291 minutes before he was bowled

minutes before he was bowied sweeping at Graveney to end a partnership of 242. Hardie had time to complete his century (244 minutes, six fours), the fifth scored in four days in llford week, before Essex arrived at the close at 425 for four.

Waqar Younus, aged 19, the Pakistan fast bowler, made an encouraging first championship appearance for Surrey against

Derbyshire at the Oval where he

Derbyshire at the Oval where he had to wait until only the third over for his first wicket, the prize one of Kim Barnett, splendidly caught by Greig.

Younus later won leg-before appeals against Morris and Kuiper to finish the day with highly creditable figures of three for 49 from 19 overs. Derbyshire who reached 183 for five from an over tally restricted to 66 by

an over tally restricted to 66 by bad light, were held together by opening batsman Peter Bowler who is unbeaten on 73 — his highest championship score of

Nottinghamshire against Ox-ford University in the Parks, was called upon to repair the damage caused by the cheap dismissals of Martindale and Evans.

Terry sets

course for

AS IF on cue, sweeping rain descended on May's Bounty at the stroke of lunch. By then, Hampshire had won the toss, had chosen to bat on a friendly, ful, but pleasing, half-century from Terry, had made a useful, if not flying start. At 5pm the weather was given best for the

day.
Following the loss of a day's play at Leicester on Tuesday when Hampshire were firmly when riampshire were infinity astride a winning position, yesterday's rain was a doubly disappointing setback for their promising run in the Britannic Assurance championship.

You had to sympathise too, with the local manufactor, it is a local manufactor.

with the local members, this year celebrating their club's 125th anniversary. Thanks to their hard work, the ground at the start was an absolute picture. Somerset, without Roebuck because of a malevolent virus included two off spinners, Swallow and Trump, but it was chiefly against a seam attack that Terry and Smith put on 69 for the first wicker. Smith was never quite at home, one sharp chance flying high to Tavare's right at second slip, one leading edge falling into space. He was right back on his stumps when

Rose had him leg-before.
Terry, on the other hand, was assured from the beginning. He has hit eight fours, many of them from weighty cover drives. Only 82 runs from seven provious championship innings had come his way; now he looked in ominously fine fettle.

Extras (b 2)

Total (1 wirt, 87 overs)

D I Gower, "M C J Nicholas, †R J Parks, R J Marru, L A Joseph, T M Tremiett, C A Commor and P J Balder to bet.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-66.

SOMERISET: S J Cook, J J E Hardy, A N. Haytunst, "C J Tavaré, R J Harden, *N C Burns, G D Riose, I G Swallow, H R J Trump, N A Mallender, A N Jones.

Umpires: D R Strepherd and A G Williamsad.

teenagers riding high

SECOND XI CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

THE two second XI competitions continue to reflect only poorly the fortunes of the senior poorly the fortunes of the senior sides. Sussex are riding high at the top of the Rapid Crickelline championship, their defeat of Warwickshire at Knowle being their fourth win in four matches, and on Monday, Yorkshire maintained their 100 per cent record in the one-day Bain Clarkson Trophy with their fifth victors of the seesant victory of the season.

Yorkshire amassed 320 for two off their 55 overs against Derbyshire in Sheffield. Colin Chapman, aged 18, a

wicketkeeper-batsman, struck an unbeaten 128 and Paul Grayson, aged 19, an all-rounder who toured Australia with England's Under-19 party during the winter, scored 87. Derbyshire lost by 134 runs.

Ricky Bartlett, who has yet to play in Somerset's first XI this season, continues to score heavily in the second XI. Last week, in the championship, he took 50 and 153 off Surrey's attack at Yeovil.

attack at Yeovil.

Middlesex, holders of the
Bain Clarkson Trophy, lost to
Hampshire by 25 runs at
Southampton on Tuesday, their
fourth defeat in six matches in
the competition this year.

Yorkshire Careful groundwork brings belated reward for Moles By RICHARD STREETON

LORD'S (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Warwick-shire have scored 372 for four vickets against Middles

words about the consequences

A FIVE-hour hundred yesterday by Andy Moles was the solid by Andy Motes was the solid rock around which Warwick-shire made certain they took maximum batting points for the first time this season. Nearly everyone contributed on a cold, heavily overcast day when bat-ting could never have been easy in poor light.

Moles occasionally played and missed against the quicker bowlers but did not make a serious error. His approach was usually studious but he did accelerate in a brisk stand with Humpage as Warwickshire reached 300 with five balls to spare. By the close Moles had faced 354 balls and hit two sixes and 11 fewer. and 11 fours.

There was little in an easy-paced pitch for the six Middlesex bowlers. The spinners, Emburey and Tufnell, took the brunt of the punishment during a burst of late aggression from Moles and Humpage as they added 129 in 23 overs.

Fraser, making only his second first-team appearance this season after his side muscle problems, was used in five brief spells and finished with an unusual analysis of 19-9-18-0. He attempted nothing excessive but did get several balls to lift.

It was the Middlesex captain's catch at first slip. The light 3rd birthday and for a long worsened as Kallicharran, with 33rd birthday and for a long time he had little to celebrate after choosing to field. Several catches were floored, Lloyd hit 14 fours in a crisp 70 before he retired injured at lunchtime and it was not until shortly before tea, with the score 206, that the Middlesex attack took a wicket.

Lloyd and Moles have missed out on the glut of runs that have become commonplace this sea-son. Now, each in his own style, they settled in with a fair measure of confidence. Lloyd was 19 when he survived a chance to Emburey at first slip off Hughes. Shortly afterwards Brown almost reached a diffi-cult chance at square leg as he chased a miscued stroke by Lloyd against Gatting.

Most of Lloyd's boundaries were driven. Just before lunch he began to hobble from a hamstring injury he has been carrying for the past fortnight. He rejected several chances of the past did not be appeared the past of the past state. runs and did not re-appear after the interval. Moles, who at-tempted few strokes during the morning, had scored only 22 by

to drive more confidently on both sides of the wicket. They put on 100 in 33 overs together before Din was out. He aimed a fierce cut against Tufnell and Emburey, took a high, reflex

five single-figure scores in his last six innings, came in to play with understandable care.

He lasted 10 overs until he He lasted 10 overs until he tried to sweep Tufnell and lobbed a simple catch off his glove. Warwickshire were 222 from 81 overs at this point. Humpage, however, driving and pulling freely, soon raised the tempo. Moles followed suit with an off drive for six against Tufnell and resched his century out of 286 from 314 halls. out of 286 from 314 balls.

Once Warwickshire passed 300 they really cut loose and added a further 51 in four overs. When Humpage hoisted a catch to deep mid-on he had made 73 from 57 balls with two sizes and

Trotal (4 wids) 372
Score at 100 overs: 305 for 2,
H M K Smith, A A Donald, J E Benjimin and T A Munton to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-208, 2-222, 3-351, 4-271.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Surrey v Derbyshire THE OVAL (first day of times; Surrey wan tose): Derbystere have scored 183 for five wickets against Surrey
DERBYSHES Pirst Innings
"K.J Bernett c Greig b Yourus 175
JE Morris tow b Yourus 25
B Roberts c Clinton b Felthern 177
A P Kulper line b Yourus 37
C J Adams line b Felthern 3
K M Kritken not out 7

M Krikken not out _____ Extras (b 1, b 11, er 2, nb 4) _____ FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-57, 3-95, 4-163, 5-168. 163, 5-164. SURREY: R I Allichen, G S Clinton, G P Thorpe, †D M Ward, M A Lynch, 7 A Graig, KT Medycott, M A Feltham, M P Bicknell, Wager Younsa, A J Murphy, Umpinet: J Hentle and J W Holder.

Essex v Gloucs ILFORD (first day of three; Essex wor toss); Essex have scored 425 for loss wickets against Gloucestarshire

ESSEC First Innings
J P Stephenson b Lawrence
A C Seymour retred hurt
P J Pricherd c Curran b Bainbridge 45
til E Waugh b Graveney 204
Bil H Herdel not out 110
N Shahid o Lawrence b Curren 15
M A German not out 20
Extras (b 8, b 6, w 1, nb 11) 28 Total (4 wits) 425 Score at 100 Overs: 411 for 4 *D R Pringle, N A Foster, J H Criscis and P M Such to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-105, 3-307, 4-388.

Umpires: B Leadbooker and B J Mayer. Oxford Univ v Notts

THE PARKS (that day of three: Not-tinghamshire was local; Nottinghamshire have scored 65 for own wichests equival Colord University NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First limitage Newsii not out
JR Mertindale & Morris & Crawley . 15
JR Mertindale & Morris & Crawley . 15
Jeans & Turner & Germats 1
Johnson not out 42
Extres (b 4, b 3) 7 Total (2 wids) _____ 85 D Laing, G W Miles, M G Field-Boss, K P Evens, R A Pick, K Security and J A Atland

ares: K J Lyons and H J Rhodes. Bentley stays put

Keith Bentley, aged 20, the Salford and former Great Britain winger, has signed a new 12-month contract with the relegated club. Bentley was Salford's leading try scorer with 15 in 1988-89 but the one-time Widnes and Barrow player missed most of last season

REMT: First havings S G Hinks: c Beirstow b Janks M R Bertson not out N R Taylor not out Extras (b 8) With Lamb on Test duty and Larkins still absent with a broken finger, this was Nick Cook's first championship taste of the Northamptonshire captainty. He enjoyed satisfaction at the start, after putting Leicestershire in to bat, his former county losing their first two wickets for just 13 runs in Total (1 wid, 16 overs) 53 V.J.Weits, G.R.Coedrey, M.V.Fleming, R.M. Ellison, 15 A.Mersh, P.S. de Villere, R.P. Ouve and A.P. Igglesden to bet. FALL OF WICKET: 1-42.

Test players rewarded for Caribbean exploits

GRAHAM Gooch, the England captain, Allan Lamb, Devon Melcolm and Jack Russell, four of the team that toured West Indies, have won Cornhill Insurance awards worth £500

Gooch is rewarded for "his outstanding leadership on and off the field", Lamb for his "aggressive competitive batting", Malcolm for his "impact as a genuine pace bowler" in taking 19 wickets in the series and wicketkeeper Russell for his "dedicated and single-minded approach".

Trevor Ward, the Kent bats-man, has damaged ankle liga-ments and could be out of action for a fortnight. Ward said: "I have got to be on crutches for three days and the disappointing thing is that the injury was caused during fielding practice before a match."

 Sussex will be without the fast bowler. Andy Babington, for a fortnight because of a pulled rib muscle. Babington was injured while bowling for the second XI against Warwickshire last week. Babington took 47 first-class

Sussex's leading wicket-taker in the Sunday league.

• Viv Richardsand Alan Butcher, of Glamorgan, could both complete \$,000 runs against Northamptonshire in the Refuge Assurance League at Hitchin on Sunday. Richards needs 33 runs and Butcher 88.

Alvin Kallicharran,
Richards's former Test colleague, is only 23 runs short of
the same milestone, which he
hopes to achieve in Warwickshire's game against Essex at
Edghaston. Mark Hott, the leftarm Essex seam bowler who broke an index finger four weeks ago, could return to action in this match.

Overson has talks Vince Overson, Birmingham City's transfer-listed defender, has had preliminary talks with West Bromwich Albion, Brian Talbot, the Albion manager, has lined up Overson as a possible replacement for Chris Whyte or Stacey North, who have yet to



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Extras (to 2)

only 11 putts over the first nine

After the English, Evans's form took such a depressing turn that, having played poorly in the St Andrews Links Trophy, be pulled out of the Lagonda event in order to get his game back in shape. "For five solid days I worked my butt off," he said or words to similar effect.

The result was that he won five boles "on the spin" against Goodin from the third, three with birdies. He dropped a shot, and a hole, at the 18th and responded with a four at the long ninth to turn five-up. The 12th (38 lyds) surrendered to a two iron and wedge to four feet

two iron and wedge to four feet and there was no way back for

Sandywell similarly ran away from his opponent in one purple passage. Having halved the fifth in birdie fours, with George Zahringer, he won five in a row

from the sixth and there was no American counter-attack. John Metcalfe, an England international of impeccable credentials, could not control

his driver and was ready prey to the solid striking of Bickerton. Metcalle won the ninth with a birdle four but earlier errors had

put him in the powerless pos-ition of four down. He took three putts on the 11th and Bickerton nailed his man in the

After the English, Evans's

GOLF

English players

take charge

of the Amateur

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE future of English amateur golf is in good hands, judging by the results on the first day of the

Amateur championship at

Muirfield yesterday. While those north of the border were being tormented by the usual slaughter of the Scots in their

own magnificent backyard a clutch of young Englishman around key-of-the-door vintage

around key-of-the-door vintage were prospering mightily.

They included not only two established internationals in Jim Payne (Sandilands) and Craig Cassells (Murcar) but also Andrew Sandywell (Astbury). John Bickerton (Droitwich) and Gary Evans (Worthing), still aspiring to that lofty distinction.

Addien Hill of Bermhall

aspiring to that lofty distinction.

Adrian Hill, of Bramhall,
mexpectedly joined this happy
band, for he won a spinetingling first-round match
against one American, Marion
Moore, and went on to beat
another, David Brookreson.

Against Moore, Hill was four-up after 10 boles and all-square after 17. Moreover, he was 40

feet from the pin at the 18th and his opponent six feet. In the match-play character Hill holed and Moore, no doubt shell-shocked, missed.

Evans, joint winner of the

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Stephens's brave effort ends in crash near finish

Retirish amateur to ease up.

British amateur to ease up.

Stephens said, "How could I ease up then? I was committed."

Rain has been the rider's main companion during the last hour's racing on most days and reappeared on cue soon after Stephens became the lone leader.

His was not the only fell Tour

Half a dozen riders crashed on

Half a dozen riders crashed on the greasy dual carriageway approach to Carlisle, Preissler falling on his head. He was taken to Carlisle General Hospital and after X-rays was checked in for overnight observation.

Five riders, including Dave Rayner, one of the early favourities, retired during the

A BRAVE, lone effort across the Pennines ended in near tears yesterday for Matthew Stephens in the mountainous 107-mile ninth stage of the Milk Race linking Sunderland with Cartiele.

Caruste.
Stephens, aged 20, from
Bushey, in Hertfordshire, who
has elected to spend this season
riding for a Paris club, slogged
his way over the moors, holding
off the concerted efforts of a 40-

off the concerted efforts of a 40strong chasing group.

Stephens had managed to
keep his advantage at around
2½ minutes until he turned into
a head-wind during the last 10
miles. His lead fell quickly as,
without shetter, he plugged into
the wind while the main pack,
sensing an inevitable "kill",
piled on the speed.
Two miles from the finish, the
exhausted Stephens was over-

exhausted Stephens was over-taken and almost immediately crashed. "I must have been so tired that I lost my concentra-tion for a moment and hit a bollard," he said after he had trailed in two minutes down on

the third time winner, Jan
Bogaert, of Belgium.
Lex Nederlof, of the Stage with colds or stomach
Netherlands, chanced his arm at
60 miles near High Force and
Stephens decided to go with

Bugno rides to victory

the lead in the race for all 20 stages.

Bugno, aged 26, earned his first Giro win in 91hr 51min 8sec, averaging 37.6kmph over a total 3.464km. The last person to lead the Giro from start to finish was the legendary Belgian, Eddy Merckx, in 1973. Bugno became only the fourth rider ever to do so. Bugno's lead over the runner-up, Charles Mottet, of France, totaled 6min 33sec. NESULTE: Final stage (taly unless stated; 1, M Cloudh, its Esmi 28sec; 2, A Bett; 3, G Swazzar; 4, G Fidaruz; 5, R Pagnir; 6, R Sovenson (201; 7, S Martholo; 8, P Cimint; 9, C Moreda (Sp); 10, F Rossignik; 11, H Rosendaul (Netri; 12, P Rossignik; 13, A Fanelli; 14, R Pelicon;

YACHTING

New class

of yacht

is sought

TWENTY yacht designers and experts are locked in thought at a botel at Chichester this week

rules for an exciting new breed of ocean-racing yachts to com-pete in the next Whitbread Round the World Race in three

years' time. One group, led by Rob Hum-

phreys, the British designer of Rothmans, is exploring the possibilities of revising the international offshore rule

(IOR) to encourage fast ultrahight displacement yachts.

Another team, including Bill

Lee, the Californian ultra-light specialist, and Olivier Petit, the French designer, is developing a fire spirit rule for the proposed

60ft and 85ft super-maxis similar to that controlling

entries in the BOC single handed classic next winter.

"We have been given a man-date by skippers to develop a class of boat that has nothing to do with the current IOR, but before we throw out the bath-water along with the baby, the design team here believes it is sensible to explore making re-visions to that rule," David Pritcherd Barrett.

Pritchard-Barrett, the Whitbread conference chair-

The group is expected to reach a consensus tonight.

Regatta sorts

the 470 team

THE Talkland Eurolymp Regatta ended at Haying Island yesterday, but the four leading Solings go forward to a match-text series today (Roger Lean Veroce writes). The regatta also decided the 470 crews for the pool of the property of the pr

world and/or European championships the first three plus Taylor and Pascal.

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man, said yesterday.

"We have been given a man-

By BARRY PICKTHALL ...

MILAN (AP) — The unheraided

Traitian rider, Gianni Bugno,
swept to victory in the Giro
d'Italia yesterday, matching a

17-year-old record by holding
the lead in the race for all 20

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Backing for Seles MONICA Seles's surprising vic-tory over Steffi Graf in the final of the German Open tennis championships has made her the 6-1 second favourite for Wimbledon. Graf, whose defeat ended an unbeaten run of 66 matches, is still a clear favourite at 11-4 on with William Hill, the hoolmakers, to nick up her

bookmakers, to pick up her third consecutive Wimbledon

him. Within three miles lian Banana-Falcon captain. Nederlof was calling to the who learned before the start that lian Banana-Falcon captain, who learned before the start that his father, Ted, had died after a long illness at Moree, New South Wales. "His last with was that I keep racing and that's what I intend to do," Sutton said. He retains his lead of 2min 40 sec over Rob Holden, his team colleague, with Miloslav Vasicek, the Czech amateur, third, a further one second behind.

leader.

His was not the only fall. Two other groups came down, the first immediately after the level-crossing at Milton, which involved Britain's Harry Lodge and three Dutchmen. The second group of fallers included East Germany's Uwe Preissler, Tuesday's stage winner at Middlesborough, and was the more serious.

third, a further one second behind.

Vasicet has taken the climbing competition lead from Gary Baker, who had a bad second half yesterday finishing six minntes down.

Joey McLoughan would dearly love to provide a storybook ending by taking the yellow jersey when the 1,200-mile race ends in Liverpool, his home city, on Saturday.

He was again second yesterday — for the fourth time — finding that he could not match the finishing sprint of Bogaert. McLoughlin has his tast day in the hills today. Race officials later reprimanded Shane Sutton and Geoff Cooke, helper with the Ever Ready squad, Joey McLoughlin's team, following a post race incident. The pair were accused of "misconduct" after reports that police had intervened when the pair had an argument about actics on the run in to the finish.

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Neith STAGE (Bunderland to Carlale, 105 miles): 1 J Bogeart (La Willem), 4th 12min 57-act; 2, J McLoughin (Ever Ready); 3, F Augustin (EG); 4, P Londoction (SD; 5, Burns (Ever Ready); 6, M Leaniewski (Fol; 7, S Sation (Banana-Falcon); 8, Thail (C2); 9, V Sepronov (ISSR); 10, B Luckoust (Berr Ready), all earns time. Team: Ever Ready-Hellords. Overall: 1, 8 Sation (Banana-Falcon); 38th 57min 22tac; 2, R Hotdon (Banana-Falcon), all 2-41; 4, D Trausur (Pr. 2-52; 5, C Wester (Banana-Falcon), 326; 6, R Poets (Neth), 4:02; 7, J McLoughtin (Ever Ready), 4:19, 8, J Van de Leer (Tulio), at 4:30; 9 H Lodge (La Willem), 4:23; 10, C Libyuthis (Banana-Falcon), serms time. Team: 1, Banana-Falcon), serms time. Team: 1, Banana-Falcon), 10:27:12; C Ring of the Illemanalne: 1, M Vanicak (C2), 107/pt; 2, G Belant (Ever Ready), 59pis; 3, S Sutton (Banana-Falcon), 57pis. Farshouse Chieses Sprint: S Heropard (Britanna); 2012, Petrics J McLoughin. TEHTH STAGE (Penrith to Norecambe, 116 miles; 2017, 10.00m. finish; 15:02. Intermediate times: Lorton, 11.11; Estatish Green, 12:25; Newby Bridge, 13:36; Carmiorin, 14:30.

Some knockout memories



Army made me: Nigel Benn, the World Boxing Organisation middleweight champion, took a trip down memory lines yesterday when he was honoured by his former comrades of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers at the Tower of London (Srikumar Sen

At a lunch given by Col Patrick Shervington (above), Benn's furmer Commanding Officer in Northern Ireland and Germany, the champion met the members of W,X,Y,Z companies who were in the regiment's boxing

"It seems I just came out yesterday," Benn said, overwhelmed by the back-stapping. "The regiment made me what I am now. Everything I do I ask myself: 'How would the

ent have tackled this?' I am so proud to about my army life, I haven't forgotten

The man who taught Benn how to "calm down" in the ring, Capt John O'Grady, the team coach, said: "He came at the start of the hoxing season. As soon as I saw him I knew he was a cut above the others. I knew if he turned pro he would do well."

Bena joined the Army in 1981 and left six years later after service in Minden, West Germany, to follow a boxing career. "We are very prood of him," Shervington, who is Deputy Colonel, City of London, said: "He has never slagged off the military as is sometimes fashionable and we are grateful for

FOOTBALL

Mystery injury blow for Scots

From Roddy Forsyth

THE flamboyance that has marked Scotland's arrivals in four previous World Cup finals since 1974 was not in evidence yesterday when Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, and his sayed arrived here at Chrishis squad arrived here at Chris-topher Columbus Airport.

Even the customary platoons of Brazilian cameramen and television reporters, who nor-mally besiege each of their team's sectional rivals from the moment they touch down, were conspicuous by their absence, although they may well have been mired elsewhere in the

organisational difficulties which are already in evidence.

Scottish supporters may care to note that Scotland's matches with Sweden and Brazil are already sold out and that the local touts have appropriated a disproportionate share of the allocation, to be dispensed for large quantities of tira to hopeful, but foriorn, travellers.

The attendant Press corps, too, is in an ill temper, having discovered that the accreditation and match-coverage facilities are, at this stage, a shambles. What you read, hear, and see of these finals is liable to veer between the random and the surreal.

FIFA directive worries Irish

From Clive White, RABAT, MALTA

KEVIN Moran, the players' representative in the Republic of Ireland squad, said here vesterday that he feared that the latest FIFA directive on fining players who are booked or sent off during the World Cup finals off during the World Cup finals could have a particularly inhibiting effect upon the performance of his own team.

In an attempt to alleviate that pressure, the Irish players have decided that any fines — if the players are to be responsible for them, as FIFA has intimated—

them, as FIFA has intimated -will be paid for on a collective

BASEBALL

basis.
"A lot depends on the referees
"Moran and their judgement," Moran said. "I've seen referees on the Continent give bookings for showing half a stud,"

The Irish players are hoping that in the event of them incurring any fines the Football of Ireland (FAI) will give some financial help. Fran Fields, the FAI presi-

dent, was fiercely critical of FIFA. "I don't think it's fair to spring this on players, manage-

FOR THE RECORD

the worst decision FIFA have made yet. Completely ludicrous. It's not for the good of the game.
It's going to put fear into players and make a referee's job very difficult, knowing that his de-

difficult, knowing that his de-cision could cost someone up to £12,000." he said.

Ronnie Whelan, who did some light training yesterday, has been told by Jack Charlton that if he wants to play in the opening game with England he must prove his fitness in a practice match here tomorrow.

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day of destiny

according to the formalities which attended their presentation to a press conference at the Luigi Ferraris Stadium, where they meet Costa Rica and Sweden. It was almost as an afterthough that Roxburgh revealed to the Scottish press that although his aquad was at full numerical strength, he continued to be alarmed by maladies.

The Wash was a superise and we had no warning of his problems. Apparently, he has been carrying the difficulty for 10 days, but when we asked why he hadn't told us, he simply said that he hadn't wanted to worry us. It's one of those deals that you go the committee commit

coach has at least been able to report one clean bill of beath in the case of Alan McInally. The Bayern Munich forward has spent the pest few weeks with his left arm in a cast because of a his left arm in a cast because of a tendon injury, and the protec-tion was removed at the week-end. When the Scotland players went through a practice match behind closed doors in Kilmar-nock on Tuesday, McInally scored with what Roxburgh called an unsaveably-spectacu-lar aerial volley.

lar aerial volley.
Unfortunately, the player landed flush on the tender arm and yelled with pain, but after treatment, he proved to have survived his escapade, prompting Roxburgh to comment:
"See? I told you our luck would
start to turn." It is to be hoped
that the trend is expanded in the

RUGBY UNION

Wales call in Williams on the blind side

From Owen JENKINS WINDHOEK NAMIBIA

WALES make just one change from the side which won the first match against Namibia, with Ownin Williams, of Bridgend, winning his first cap in a reshuffled back row for the second international here on Saturday.

Williams has played at No. 8 in all his matches on tour and

in all his matches on tour and

has impressed everyone with his general play, so a place had to be found for him. He has been selected at blind-side flanker. Morris, who played in that position in the first inter-national, switches to his accustomed open-side role, with Jones remaining at No. 8. Reynolds, who won his first cap in last Saturday's match, is relegated to the substitutes' beach.

Although Williams did not come to Newiking at 2 first. come to Namibia as a firstchoice selection, he has pushed Jones all the way for the No. 8 berth, and it was anticipated that he might have been selected.

there.
Wales have experimented with the blind-side flanker's position in several matches, not only on this tour, but also during last season. Williams's footballing skills and intelli-gence could add a new dimension to the back row.

Ron Waldron, the Wales coach, said: "Owain has been superb on this tour. He will give us extra height in the lineout and he gets to the ball very, very quickly.

Swindon's

The petition will be handed to David Dent, the Football League secretary, by Swindon's favourite son, Don Rogers, hero of their 1969 triumph over Arsenal in the League Cup final. If found guilty today, after the findings of a four-month internal league inquiry have been presented to the commission, Swindon could be stripped of their newly-won first division status. vision status. When Peterborough United

were found guilty of illegal payments in 1968 they were demoted from the third division Port Vale were ordered to be expelled from the league for a similar offence, but then re-elected at the annual meeting.

If such drastic punishment is to be meted out to Swindon, the question arises as to which division they would be demoted from - the first or the second?

IN BRIEF

Preston is chosen

ENGLAND will meet Nether-lands in Preston on September 19 in the Three Nations Cup hockey tournament (Sidney Frisken writes). The series be-gins with England travelling to play West Germany in Krefeld

West Germany, who won the Cup last year, will play Netherlands in Rotterdam on

Sainz's first Athens (AFP) - Carlos Sainz, of

Spain, won the Acropolis motor rally in a Toyota Celica yesterday, for his first world championship success.

Out of action Paris (Reuter) - Said Aouita, of Morocco, the world's most ver-satile track athlete, will be unable to train for five or six weeks after undergoing opera-

New frontier Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet Union will join the ATP tennis

circuit when it hosts an indoor tournament here from November 5 to 11.

tions on both legs.

Lions crash

The British Amateur Rugby League Lions lost 28-16 to an Apia district team yesterday in the opening game in Western Samoa on the second leg of their

Offiah is fit

Martin Offiah, the Widnes wing. is flying out to join the Great Britain rugby league party in New Zealand next week after treatment on a damaged toe.

SECOND ROUND: A Sandywell (Astibury) bt G
Zahringer (US), 7 and 5; G Korsedy (US) bt A
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P Ballele (SA), at 10h; E Nistri (May) bt S
Handerson (Bon Accord), 4 and 3, W Bryson
(Drungeslin); bt M Sandrof (Baltond), 1 nois,
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Woosnam battles against the yips

English open stroke-play championship last month, was in devestating form against the hapless Melvin Goodin, of Midkent. He was four-under-par and six up when Goodin hoisted the white flag, with no loss of face, at the 13th, having needed

RESULTS FROM MUIRFIELD

EIGHT winners on PGA my head comes up, my right hand takes over and I end up turned up to play in the Scandinavian Open, which starts in this quaint spot outside Stockholm today. But it was the problem of one of the best of the search best and the right and takes over and I end up pulling everything to the left."

There are those who might say that anybody who is leading the Order of Merit with more than £142,000 by this stage of the search best and the right and them that was exercising a number of minds in the locker

rooms and terraces here.

The question was the most terrible that can be asked of any the yips? The ponderings were in husbed tones, the question asked hesitantly following a tentative performance on the greens in the British Masters last week. Anybody would think the poor chap had been accused of

beating his wife.

Actually, if he were, it would be easier to solve than the accursed twitch. After all, any

accursed twitch. After all, any man can stop beating his wife. As Heary Longhurst once said of the yips. "Once you've had 'em. you've got 'em."

An hour later, the man himself was run to earth in the middle of his pro-am round, and the question, rather diffidently, was put to him. Rather like a careless butcher who has in-advertently sawn a finger off advertently sawn a finger off when dismembering the Sunday joint, he was only too keen to discuss how the accident befell

the opposite; I am taking it back ascertained, has anything retoo far, and then decelerating when I come to hit the ball.

"I've tried to follow through, but that only makes it worse—

"I am taking it back ascertained, has anything remotely resembling the yips. Knowing golfers, they would probably rather be accused of beating their wives.

hand takes over and I end up pulling everything to the left."

There are those who might say that anybody who is leading the Order of Merit with more than £142,000 by this stage of the season has got the right sort of problems, but after a win and two seconds in his first five tournaments of the season, he tournaments of the season, he has suffered a lapse of form in championship and 35th in the British Masters. It was at Woburn that his troubles on the greens reached sleepless-night

proportions. Preparing as he is for another tilt at the US Open next week, Woosnam seriously considered woosnam seriously considered not coming here, but in the end thought he would be better served trying a few things—like a jab à la Gary Player, like flattening the lie of his Ping putter in an effort to get the ball into dock instead of heaving to on the port side all the time—under tournament conditions.

under tournament conditions. Yips or not, he will be a formidable presence, and yips or not, his will be one of the names that can be expected to be there or thereabouts come Sunday. His main rivals in a high-class

field appear to be Ronan Rafferty, Rodger Davis, Craig Parry and Mike Harwood, Howtend to have trouble in taking and Clark and Craig Stadler, the putter back," he said. "I am None of them, as far as can be None of them, as far as can be

Heavy cold cannot hold back a suffering Hall

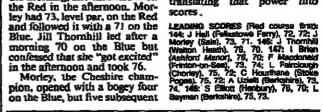
By PATRICIA DAVIES

tion the drug rules allowed her to take, had a round of 72, one under par, on the Blue course, in the morning, and matched it on the Red in the afternoon. Mor-

ON A grey, breezy day that deteriorated into a damp, thoroughly miserable afternoon, Joanne Morley, of Sale, and Julie Hall, of Felixstowe Ferry, shared the Astor Salver at the Berkshire with a total of 144, two under par, yesterday.

Hall, suffering from a heavy cold and not sure what medication the drug rules allowed her driver, she is hitting the ball vast

Now, it is just a question of translating that power into



SHOW JUMPING

Beerbaum is a success

AACHEN - Ludger Beerbaum. him into fourth place, who went so well at Hickstead Nick Skelton, who German team for Aachen, justified the faith shown in him by Nations Cup. the trainer, Herbert Meyer, when he won the international championship of West Germany with the nine-year-old mare, Almox Gazelle, by almost three seconds from Philippe Guerdat, of Switzerland, on Alpha Romeo Lanciano (Find-

lay Davidson writes).
Only the first two-placed horses were able to negotiate the final course at speed. Michael Whitaker was a trifle unlucky to have a rail drop from the middle element of the combination almost as Henderson Monsanta was soing through the finish but his time was sufficient to take

who went so well at Hickstead Nick Skelton, who qualified that he was included in the for this class with Apollo, decided to rest him for today's

The team captain, Ronnie Massarella, foresees the British Nations Cup horses being Apollo, Joe Turi's Waysider, or Vital, Emma Mac's Everest Oyster and Henderson Monsanta. As a result, only Vital and Oyster will start in the big class today.

Dig Class today.

RESULTS: International championship of West Germenty: 1. Almox Gezelle (I. Beerbaum, WG), 0 faults, 52,11sec; 2. Alpha Fomeo Lanckano (P. Guerdat, Switz), 0,55,19; 3, M & C Special Envoy (R. Bessoa, Br), 4 faults, 51,33; 3, Henderson Monsante (M. Whitakar, GB), 4, 51,44, Riselabraum Prize: 1, Effra (J. Azcarraga, Mex.), 0, 36,17; squal 2, Alexa (A von Buchwaldt; WG), both clear, 37,10.

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THE TIMES

Hadlee declares himself fit to plague England

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Hadlee will go into an emotional Test match at his inherited home of Trent Bridge today pleading for a return of sanity and standards to the international cricket

Hadlee broke a bone in his right hand 13 days ago. Mere mortals do not attempt to play again so soon. Hadlee, however, is not only the most accomplished all-rounder in the game's history but a man of untainted pride and dignity, plainly affronted by his game's excursions into the

In confirming, yesterday, that he has pronounced him-self fit to plague England again in this first Cornhill Test, the New Zealander was keen to volunteer some further profound thoughts.

Whatever happens to me in this series is unimportant," he insisted. "I feel no pressures and I want none. My career is rounded off and I am content with what I have achieved. What is important is that we see some real cricket and forget all the con-

"It seems that in every series played now, there are far too many incidents involving umpires, time-wasting and bad behaviour. It has to be of some concern and I believe legislation must be that much tougher to get rid of it.

Nottingham teams

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), M A Atherton, A J Stewart, R A Smith, A J Lumb, N H Fairbrother, R C Russell, C C Lavis, P A J Defreiks, G C Small, D E Melcotm, E E Herminings.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wright (captain), T J Francista, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Grestbatch, M W Priest, I D S Smith, J G Bracewell, R J Hadles, M G Snedden, D K Morrison, J J Crowe.

"At the end of the day, this is still a game. It is to be played hard but fair. That is what I have always believed in and always tried to follow. The bad things that have happened, in the West Indies and in parts of Asia, have gone world-wide. damaging the image of cricket and this series, between two teams who like to play the game properly, is important to the restoration of credibility."

With that off his chest, Hadlee was happy to reminisce as he gazed around the ground be graced for 10 years as a Nottinghamshire player. "It is the best ground in the world," he said unequivocally.

"It has beauty, history and a marvellous playing area. It holds many good memories for me but today, they must be put to the back of my mind. because a Test is a Test, no matter where it is played."

Hadlee's hand was broken by a ball from Chris Lewis at the Oval Even the New Zealand management was dubious over his prospects for the first Test, while others

Even before Jarvinen, jav-

elin throwing was the national

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Backley, the world's best,

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their man will win. His pres-

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the place," Backley said.

His target is the as-yet

unratified 89.10 metres

thrown by Patrik Boden, of Sweden, in March. Backley

They cannot be hopeful that

aries - just the sort of thing to make this passionate man still more intent on a rapid

His captain, John Wright, said last night: "He is a remarkable man. With some people you would say that a broken hand is the end of it but it doesn't seem to have bothered him. It is a setback but it has never got him down. He has simply adjusted to the

Hadlee will bowl without discomfort, trying to add to his world record total of 415 wickets. "Bowling is no problem, fielding is marginal and batting is debatable," he explained. Hadlee plans to field at third man or fine leg but will bat, with a reinforced right glove, in his usual position at No. 7.

"One of the fascinations of this tour was to play a final time at Trent Bridge. It was a significant factor in my decision to come and it has spurred me on to recovery."

It will be Hadlee's fifth Test on this ground. The first three were lost but, in 1986, he took 10 wickets and scored 68 in New Zealand's historic win. He insists: "This really is the end. If there is to be another comeback it will be as a coach or a manager. My life will change direction next month because at 39, it really is harder each day to get out of

Playing his final hand



Hand in glove: Hadlee with special protective glove over broken right hand

Inspired Backley looks for record

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THE legend of the tower at the they had better have access to Olympic Stadium here is a a good many more bricks than favourite story in Finnish were needed in Jarvinen's day. athletics. It is said that when Matti Jarvinen set a world record for the javelin in the 1930s, as a monument to his achievement the tower was constructed to a height which equalled the distance of his

Sadly, the story is false. "But 90 per cent of Finnish people believe it is true," Kari Wauhkonen, the meeting coordinator for tonight's international match between Finland and Britain, said. "It was never the intention of the architect to repeat exactly the world record, it was coincidence."

The legend is poignant, however, for it reflects the status of the event here: if there are any architects in the house of 30,000 this evening threw 88.46 metres in Cardiff.

Defenders cause worries

From STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT CAGLIARI

THREE members of England's defence were unable to take a full part in training day. Peter Shilton and Mark Wright were confined to the team's hotel a few miles away from the tiny stadium in Pula and Paul Parker was involved only in the lighter

Backley needs to become Brit-Bobby Robson, the England ain's first men's world record manager, was careful not to fuel speculation that the injuholder in the event. "I would like to break the ries might be serious but, with world record in Britain but the opening World Cup tie Finland is the spiritual home only five days away, they are a javelin throwing and, if it has source of concern. to be somewhere else, this is

For Shilton to miss practice, even if his absence was merely a precautionary measure, is

The 40-year-old fitness fanatic will equal Pat Jennings's world record of 119 caps on Monday, assuming that his knee is no longer sore. England's manager suggested that the bruising was caused by the goalkeeper continually diving on the sun-baked sur-face. Yesterday, ironically, it was softened by torrential

Wright ricked his neck during the first half of the 10-2 victory over a Sardinian XI on Tuesday and had to sleep in a soft collar. Nothing can be done to hasten the recovery process and no one can determine precisely how long the injury may last.

Parker, who twisted an ankle last week, still cannot comfortably kick a ball.

At least Bryan Robson's fitness is no longer in any doubt. The heel he jarred during the FA Cup final replay is no longer tender. In view of the screening of supporters the possible casualties amid against the blacklist of known the defensive unit, it was troublemakers held by the reassuring to hear that the Football Association captain and most effective distributed to the Italian guard in midfield is certain to police. be available for the match

Britain's position of power under attack votes, and it is assured of one of Manchester United, finally

ROME (AP) - The FIFA Congress yesterday retained its old hierarchy of football powers at the expense of emerging nations. It did, however, also approve measures to keep the game up to date.

João Havelange, of Brazil, was re-elected as president for a fifth four-year term, underlining South America's importance as a footballing ower. Have was unopposed.

An African proposal to reduce the role of the United Kingdom and other traditional strongholds in FIFA's hierarchy and give greater say to Africa, Asia, Oceania and North and Central America, did not get the required 75 per cent of the vote.

"Sooner or later they will have to change, you have to have some equality of some sort," David Phiri, chairman of the Zambian federation,

Because of its four federations, the United Kingdom is of the nine vice-presidencies in the federation. Africa and Asia have just one vicepresident each, compared with four from Europe, including one reserved for the Soviet Union.

The United Kingdom's position came in for some harsh criticism vesterday. "To give four votes by virtue of being British is just not good enough," Said Elmaanry, of Tanzania, who made the pronosal as representative of the African nations, said. "The situation is you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours," Phiri

Even in World Cup qualifying Africa feels under-represented. It is allotted only two teams at the World Cup, compared to 14 for Europe. "There is an injustice," Elmaanry said. "There is no moral, legal or political reason why Britain should still be in

this position."

ended his search for a right back of prudent quality yesterday when he agreed to pay second division Oldham Athletic £625,000 for Dennis Irwin. Oldham will receive a further payment of £75,000 if Irwin, aged 24, makes three more appearances for the Republic of Ireland (Ian Ross

ued their seemingly perpetual spending spree by buying Chris Whyte, the former England Under-21 central defender from West Bromwich Albion, subject to a medical, for a fee expected to be decided by tribunal (Steve Acteson writes).

• At an emergency board meeting in London yesterday, Hibernian rejected a takeover bid of £6.12 million by Wallace Mercer, chairman of Heart of Midlothian, and announced that the club will continue to fight for its the only country with four Alex Ferguson, the manager independence.

Tout sales threaten security

arrived here vesterday to find touts offering seats at up to three times their face value. Despite efforts to control

ticket sales, some local people who bought seats when they first went on sale are now able to resell them to supporters arriving without tickets for England's matches against the Republic of Ireland, The Netherlands and Egypt.

The resale of tickets ruins the segregation of supporters, a key feature of crowd control in stadiums; it also bypasses "The whole system has

against the Republic of broken down and, quite honestly, who is surprised?" said

From John Goodbody, Cagliari ENGLISH football supporters Steve Beauchampé, who is co- it was not the fault of the FA. ordinating the centre for Eng-land followers run by the Football Supporters' Associ-

ation. The FA yesterday opened its own office here next to the British Consulate to exchange vouchers for tickets and to sell any spare seats to approved supporters who are members of the FA Travel Club, although it cannot, of course, get access to tickets obtained by the Italians. Seats cost between £55 and

£9 for England's three preliminary games in Cagliari and some are still available at the Banca Nazionale di Lavoro, the offical ticket agency. Beauchampé said: "It seems

tickets are being sold quite openly. Clearly people are getting them who are not members of the England Travel Club." He added that

A further problem is that, because of the high pricing of package deals, by the two official agencies in Britain, Italia Tours and CIT Sportsworld, about 6,000 tickets are

still available for England's three preliminary matches. The FA wants to obtain these tickets to sell to bona fide supporters, but the travel agencies have yet to release The three England support-

ers who were jailed on Monday until after the first round of the competition, after being found guilty of stealing sheets and damaging a hotel bed-room, are sharing a cell in the local prison, with a washbasin, toilet and television. The viceconsul who visited them yesterday said that they were in "good heart".

Muster a bore but Ivanisevic is still a failure

From Andrew Longmore, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

THE ticket touts were not doing good business along the Rue d'Auteuil yesterday morning. Perhaps the French public had read the advance notices from Goran Ivanisevic on his quarter-final opponent, Thomas Muster. I never watch him," the Yugoslav had said. "He is too boring."

Perhaps, too, they had sensed that their own Champion, Thierry, had limped to the end of his road. They were right on both counts, Muster beating Ivanisevic in four relentless sets and Champion falling to the No. 4 seed, Andrés Gómez, in three.

Boring or not — and the Austrian's muscular game is certainly not to everyone's taste - Ivanisevic must have regretted his choice of words after being ground slowly but surely into the red dust of Roland Garros. Indeed, by the end, he had changed his tune just a little. "If he plays like this, Muster's going to win this tournament," he said later.

Whether Muster fulfils that prediction depends on his ability to outlast Gomez, eight years his senior, in his semifinal and to outhit either Agassi or Svensson in the final. But if the qualities required were honesty and toughness alone, there would be no doubt about it. Twelve months ago, the Austrian was hobbling about on crutches, his left leg smashed to pieces after being hit by a car in Miami in March.

The timing of the accident was particularly cruel; Muster had just started to break through into the top ranks. Now he is in his second grand slam semi-final, safe in the conqueror in Australia, is might beg to differ.

Semi-final draw

FELIAX EAST J Svensson (Swe, eged 3, unseeded) v A Agassi (US, eged 20, seeded 3); A Gémez (Er, eged 30, seeded 1) v T Muster (Austria, eged 22, seeded 7); voeser's SNGLES: S Gest (WL, eged 30, seeded 1) v J Novotna (CZ, eged 21, seeded 1); J Caprist (US, eged 14, mseeded 1); V M Seles (Yug, eged 16, mseeded) v M Seles (Yug, eged 16,

elsewhere and that his brush with despair has left him a happier and tougher player.

When you have been working hard for 10 years to reach a goal and just before you get there you can't walk

anymore, what is wirning or

losing a tennis match? I am certainly mentally stronger than before my accident," Muster said. Ivanisevic found little of the inspiration or determination Becker, Jarryd, Kuhnen and Kroon in the earlier rounds. The Yugoslav served 15 aces but produced a double fault on

break point in the fourth set to

put the match firmly in Muster's grasp. "It was hard watching his serve in the second set because it was getting so dark and he served so hard. You feel you might fall asleep soon," Muster explained. The crowd probably felt that way too as the Yugoslav's mistakes multiplied and Muster simply battered his way to a 6-2, 4-6. 6-4 6-3 victory. Their hopes for something better were soon dashed by Champion, who offered only token resig-

tance to Gomez. Surprisingly, considering he has been at it for a decade, Gómez has never been in a grand slam singles semi-final before. With Gustafsson pulling out of his fourth-round tie and Champion barely fit after a hip injury, he must be feeling knowledge that Lendi, his that this is his week. The touts

RESULTS FROM PARIS

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Extra spring may work for Capriati

From Andrew Longmore

BOTH on and off court, Jana Novotna, the last ob-Jennifer Capriati has had a stacle on the way to her ball in Paris. She has been to thirteenth consecutive grand see the Eiffel Tower, Na- slam final, in today's other poleon's Tomb and Notre semi-final. Dame; she has even spent a little time at Roland Garros, little time at Roland Garros, is respiratory. Has she got disposing of her opponents enough puff left to blow with such ease that she is Capriati away? She has looked matching Steffi Graf for swiftness of execution. In reaching the semi-final of her first an easy ride through the ranks. grand slam, she has won all her matches in straight sets and lost just 20 games.

remarkable, even if the 14- times, she overhits, but she year-old from Wesley Chapel had little or no chance of beating Monica Seles in this afternoon's semi-final, but the simple truth is that she has a tim, said. Capriati herself says very real chance of winning simply: "I think I can win; and, beyond that, of becoming the youngest ever grand slam champion.

relies in part on Capriati's extra spring in the Yugoslav's extraordinary power and ma- step, but not many involved in form and attitude of Seles and Book of Tennis Records Graf. Graf has to negotiate would care to put money on it.

The main problem for Seles

very tired after her last two matches and has not enjoyed In contrast, Capriati seems

cager, fresh and uninhibited. "She's like I was at 14 except Those statistics would be she's stronger and better. At will learn about that. There is no doubt she is top 10 in terms of ability already," Judith Wiesner, her third round viceveryone thinks I can win.

The prospect of reaching her first grand slam final The credibility of the thesis should be enough to put some turity on court; in part on the the compilation of Capriati's

Sampras waits his turn WHILE most of the talk 18, was left kicking his heels

concerning who will win the Wimbledon title this year centres around Becker, Cash. Edberg and Lendl, Fred Perry, no less, believes Pete Sampras, a personable Californian, has the potential to become a future Wimbledon champion (Barry Wood writes). Seeded No. 4 at the Direct Line Insurance tournament at

Beckenham, Sampras, aged

yesterday as rain denied him practice in his build-up to the

Although losing in the opening round last year to Todd Woodbridge, Sampras has since developed his serve and volley, at the same time improving his world ranking from 90 to 20.

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BEN Johnson, who was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal at the Seoul Olympics because of steroid abuse, has twice been tested negative since the Games and will learn the outcome in the next fortnight of Johnson is eligible to return to

international competition on September 25, when the two-year suspension imposed by the Inter-national Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is completed. Whether he will receive his country's backing depends on the outcome of the Dubin inquiry into drug abuse in Canadian sport, the results of which are expected later this month or early in July.

The tests, conducted by the Sports

took place unannounced in Toronto. The first two, in May and November last year, proved neg-ative; the result of the third, taken last month; should be known next week and the fourth, also taken last month, is expected the following

After Johnson's disgrace in Seoul, Canada's Minister for Sport, Jean Charest, said that no Canadian found guilty of drug abuse would again compete for the country. The deselection by the Canadian Track and Field Association (CTFA) of the shot putter, Peter Dajia, from the Canadian team to compete against Britain and East Germany in Galeshead on June 29, apparently under orders from the Government, suggests no softening of the hard line. Charest is no longer in office and his successor is awaiting the Dubin Medicine Council of Canada, all report before making any

pronouncements. The CTFA president, Paul Dupre, has offered encouragement to Johnson, however. "Let us make it clear, come hell or high water, it is the Canadian Track and Field Association's intention to end Ben's individual ineligibility on September 24."

Paul Hardy, the former doping control officer of the IAAF now charged by the CTFA with responsibility in that area, received confirmation on Tuesday of the deselection of Dajia, who was suspended in 1986 for steroid abuse but later reinstated.

"The feeling is that the recommendation of the Dubin inquiry will be that policy should change and that suspended athletes should be able to come back and compete," The Government subsidises 70

per cent of Canadian athletics and

athletes are graded. "We have a carding system - A, B or C. depending on your level," Hardy

"You will receive a supplement depending on the level you are at The key point with Johnson seems to be not whether he will be allowed to compete, but whether he will be allowed to receive funding from the Government because he will return as an elite athlete."

Whatever the outcome, Johnson will not be welcomed by Britain. The British Amateur Athletic Board said a fortnight ago that athletes admitting to, or found guilty of, taking drugs would not be allowed to compete in Britain except in international championships or matches. British officials like to think of hemselves as world leaders on drug punishment, which makes a misunderstanding on the subject, at the United Kingdom championships in Cardiff at the weekend, all the more embarrassing.

No drug testing was carried out on the first day, Saturday, when 12 finals were held, after an administrator at the Sports Council, which carries out drug testing in Britain. took a conversation with Mike Farrell, the Amateur Athletic Association secretary, to be an

instruction on no Saturday testing. Farrell supplied the Sports Council with written notice at the start of the year of the meetings to be drug tested and he said yesterday that no such order was made. "I am going to insist in future that they ask for changes to be notified in writing," he

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